

Willis "Butch" Schaeffer was born in Bismarck, ND on October 1, 1946, to Ephraim and Lydia (Helm) Schaeffer. Butch grew up south of McClusky where he attended country school and later graduated from McClusky High School in 1965. Butch was drafted in 1968 and fought in the Vietnam War for seven months overseas. He was a PFC 3rd Class specializing in Artillery, until his honorable discharge in 1972. He married Verna Pahl in 1969. They lived in Fargo until 1972. While living in Fargo their first child, a daughter, Amy was born in 1970. While living in Fargo Butch worked at Troms Gas Station as a mechanic and Aerial Contractor burying cable. In the early 1970s, Butch, Verna, and Amy moved back to McClusky for Butch to take over his uncle Theophil's Standard Oil Service Station. In 1976 their second daughter Jessica was born followed by their son, Chad, in 1978. After closing the service station Butch worked for Holen Construction, Garrison Diversion, and as a mechanic for Ressler Chevrolet in Mandan. Butch moved to Glen Ullin and worked various construction jobs with Martin Construction and Schaaf Trucking. Verna soon followed to live close to four of their granddaughters. Butch is survived by his wife of 52 years, Verna; daughters, Amy (Dennis) Braunagel of Fargo, Jessica (Jimmy) Schaaf of Glen Ullin; son, Chad Schaeffer of Glen Ullin; five, granddaughters, Jamie, Isabella, Aerial, Natalia, and Olivia. Butch was preceded in death by his parents, Ephraim and Lydia; half-brother Marvin; In-laws; two brothers-in-law; and several aunts, uncles, and cousins.



Willis "Butch" Schaeffer

October 1, 1946 - November 4, 2022



*God saw he was getting tired,
And a cure was not to be,
So He put His arms around him,
And whispered, "Come with me."*

*With tearful eyes
we watched him suffer
and saw him fade away.
Although we loved him dearly,
We could not make him stay.*

*A golden heart stopped beating,
Hard-working hands to rest;
God broke our hearts to prove to us
He only takes the best.*



Butch Schaeffer

FUNERAL SERVICE:

Wednesday, November 9, 2022 11:00 am CT

Sacred Heart Catholic Church
Glen Ullin, North Dakota

OFFICIATING:

Pastor Jeremiah Olson

PALLBEARERS:

Neil Martwick Sheila Stein
Shawna Gilbertson Richard Brackett
Roger Roth Gerald Laver

MILITARY HONORS:

VFW Post 707
American Legion Post 40 Honor Guard

INTERMENT:

Wednesday, November 9, 2022 3:00 pm CT
North Dakota Veterans Cemetery
Mandan, North Dakota

ARRANGEMENTS BY:

Stevenson Funeral Home
Glen Ullin, North Dakota

Lunch will be served in the Parish Hall
following the funeral service.
Everyone is welcome.