

Wallace Ward Sayles was born on January 4, 1932, to Oliver and Greta (Bell) Sayles in Buffalo Lake, MN. He was the youngest of five siblings and the second son. The family soon moved to the Hutchinson/Cosmos area where Wally's father took up farming and sold produce, and his mother worked as a schoolteacher. Wally and his siblings learned from a young age to work hard and helped their parents with farming and produce sales. He graduated from 8th grade.

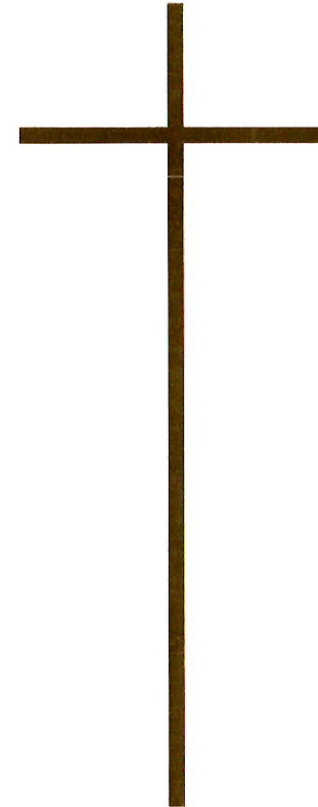
On March 15, 1956, Wally joined the Air Force and, after two cross-country trips for training and then deployment, was sent to Japan during The Korean Conflict to serve as a lead meat cutter at an air base near Tokyo. Wally enjoyed his time in Japan and spent time learning the language and culture. He also discovered a life-long love of sailing on Tokyo Bay and was part of a team of servicemen who came in third place in the Tokyo Bay sailing race.

After his return to the States, Wally moved to Ortonville, MN, where he continued working as a meat cutter for National Foods. It was here he met Alice Fitzner, and on September 8, 1957, they were married. Together, they had five children. The family moved to Clinton, MN, where Wally and Alice started a repair and retail business called Sayles and Service. Wally also worked as a handyman and started an exterior painting company. He and Alice moved to the Meadowbrook area of Big Stone Lake in their retirement and lived there for many years where they both enjoyed fishing and spending time with family. They eventually moved back to Clinton before moving to Ortonville to live with their daughter's family. In May of 2020, Alice moved into the Fairway View Neighborhoods in Ortonville, and she passed away in January of 2022. Wally continued to live with his daughter's family until June 13, 2023, when he, too, moved into the Fairway View Neighborhoods.

Wally was well-known for his sense of humor, his love for dancing, his strong faith, and his commitment to both his community and his family.

Wally is survived by his children: Daniel (Casey) Sayles of Morris, MN; David (Lisa) Sayles of Clinton, MN; Brenda (Brent) Zahrbock of Ortonville, MN; Doug (Dianne) Sayles of Chaska, MN; and Barb (Chris) Goulet of Morris, MN; as well as 20 grandchildren; and 32 great-grandchildren.

Wally was preceded in death by his wife of 64 years, Alice (Fitzner) Sayles; parents: Oliver and Greta Sayles; his father-in-law and mother-in-law, Leonard and Marie Fitzner; his siblings: Roger, Donna, Coral, and Beverly; his brothers-in-law: Don Fitzner, Dale Fitzner, and Jim Loeschke; sister-in-law, Patsy Fitzner; and grandson, Noah Sayles.



Wallace Ward Sayles

January 4, 1932 - June 22, 2023



IN LOVING MEMORY OF
Wallace "Wally" Ward Sayles

WHO WAS BORN

January 4, 1932 - Buffalo Lake, Minnesota

AND CALLED TO HIS ETERNAL HOME

June 22, 2023 - Ortonville, Minnesota

FUNERAL SERVICE

Tuesday, June 27, 2023 - 11:00 a.m.

First English Lutheran Church
Ortonville, Minnesota

OFFICIATING

Reverend Denise Fossen

MUSICIANS

Marilyn Hanson, Organist
Archie Weatherspoon IV, Vocalist
Doug Sayles, Guitarist
Great-Grandchildren, Vocalists

READERS

Benjamin Zahrbock | Jeremiah Sayles | Teresa Sayles

CASKET BEARERS

Robert Sayles | Kirby Sayles | Toby Sayles
Bryant Zahrbock | Aaron Goulet | Andrew Goulet
Brenden Goulet | Joseph Goulet

HONORARY BEARERS

Great-Grandchildren

MILITARY HONORS

Campbell Williams Legion Post #258
Clinton, Minnesota

INTERMENT

Clinton City Cemetery
Clinton, Minnesota

APPRECIATION

Wally's family is grateful for your attendance at this service.
Your expressions of kindness and love are deeply appreciated.

ARRANGEMENTS BY

Mundwiler and Larson Funeral Home
Ortonville, Minnesota

GOD looked around the garden,
And found an empty space.

He looked down upon the earth,
And saw your tired face. He put

His arms around you

And lifted you to rest.
God's garden must be beautiful

For He only takes the **BEST.**

He knew that you were weary,
and He knew that you were in pain.

He knew that you would never
be well on earth again.

He saw the roads were getting rough,
and the hills were hard to climb.

So He closed your weary eyelids,
and whispered

Peace be Thine.