John was born on July 1, 1929 to John O. and Mina (Larson) Braaten. He farmed with his brother Obert south of Kensington, MN until February 1954 when he was drafted into the army. He was stationed in Camden, New Jersey at a 90 mm gun base and worked with radar until July of 1956. He married Beverly Bennett of Lowry, MN on July 30, 1954.

After selling the farm and moving to Alexandria, he worked for the Alexandria City Park Department and 27 years for the Minnesota Highway Department. He loved to fix things and did some woodworking. He enjoyed camping, fishing, square dancing, snowmobiling, and traveling on bus trips. He was generous and had a good sense of humor.

John died on Saturday, November 9th, 2019, at the age of 90, at Edgewood in Alexandria. He is survived by his wife of 65 years, Beverly; daughter, Terry (Jim) Johnson of Maple Grove; granddaughters, Christine (Neil) Henken of Pawtucket, Rhode Island and Jennifer of Seattle, WA, and 28 beloved nieces and nephews. He will also be missed by Terry's in-law family.

In Loving Memory

John Milton Braaten

July 1, 1929 & November 9, 2019

Funeral Service

Bethesda Lutheran Church Alexandria, Minnesota Friday, November 15, 2019 11 AM

> **Officiant** Pastor Jerry Lanes

> > **Organist** Mark Graf

Pallbearers

David Braaten Kevin Braaten James Braaten Don Auel John Dahlseng Curt Dahlseng Keith Dahlseng Bruce Harvey

Interment

Nora Lutheran Cemetery Kensington, Minnesota



The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want. *He makes me lie down in green pastures;* he leads me beside still waters: he restores my soul. He leads me in right paths for his name's sake. Even though I walk through the darkest valley, I fear no evil; for you are with me; your rod and your staff--they comfort me. You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; you anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows. Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord forever.