

Bennie Bechtold

On April 16, 1933 Bennie was born in Plevna, MT at the family homestead to Edwin and Christine (Reib) Bechtold. He and his siblings grew up in Plevna attending Plevna Public Schools. He graduated from Plevna High School. Bennie married his high school sweetheart, Carol Irvine on April 3, 1954, before proudly serving his county by joining the US Army earning the rank of Corporal and was stationed in Japan. They then headed east to Fargo, ND where he attended the Fargo Barber Academy. Bennie worked as a barber in Belle Fourche, SD and then moved to Baker where he started Bennie's Barbershop. He changed careers and became a custodian at Baker High School and eventually Head Custodian. He also cleaned the Bank of Baker for many years. Bennie and Carol raised a family and were married for 52 years. He took great pride in "his" school, the Spartans, the Baker community and served on the Baker Park Board for years. Bennie was an avid hunter and fisherman. He was a loyal lifelong fan and shareholder of the Green Bay Packers. After retirement and the passing of Carol, Bennie moved to be closer to his children and grandchildren; ever the greatest supporter to each and any activity they were participating in. Bennie despite failing eyes, kept on the move with the help from his family. His last stop was the Sweetwater Senior Living in Billings. In true leadership fashion became an Ambassador to the new residents. Bennie will be missed by his son, Barry (Tina) Bechtold of Bozeman, MT; daughters, LuRae Fosland of Scobey, MT, Tami (Jeff) Derrickson of Billings, MT, Shyla (Eric) Barnosky of Miles City, MT; 15 grandchildren and 12 great grandchildren ; sister, Martha Wenz; sisters-in-laws, Leona Irvine and Echo Bechtold. He is preceded in death by his parents; Edwin and Christine; wife, Carol; daughter, Robin; in-laws, Wilbur and Gertrude Irvine; brothers, John, Ted, Herbert, Otto, Eddie, Bobby; sister, Ann, brother-in-laws, Lloyd Irvine, Robert Irvine, his wife Delores, and son-in-law Chip Fosland. Bennie's family would like to thank his Sweetwater family and Stillwater Hospice for the care they showed over the years.

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April 16, 1933 - September 22, 2022



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FUNERAL SERVICE:

Friday, September 30, 2022 1:30 pm
Stevenson Funeral Home
Baker, Montana

OFFICIATING:

Pastor Phil Newby

MUSIC:

Debbie Varner & Jennifer Fischer

INURNMENT:

Bonnievale Cemetery
Baker, Montana

ARRANGEMENTS BY:

Stevenson Funeral Home
Baker, Montana

*Refreshments will be served at Thee Garage
following the graveside service.
Everyone is welcome.*

