

Larry A. Bartl was born on October 29, 1944 to Alfred and Bessie Bartl in Britton, SD. The family of nine lived on a farm near Stirum, ND for many years. Larry died unexpectedly on July 20<sup>th</sup>.

After graduating high school in Gwinner, ND, Larry went to barber school. His first job was in Garrison, ND where he met his future wife, Mary Lou. The couple ultimately settled in Minot, ND where Larry went to college, worked as a salesman, then started his own business, Pro Business Forms, which he ran until he retired. Minot was a great community to raise their family.

Larry loved to camp, and the family spent many summer weekends at the lake where Larry enjoyed fishing for walleyes, having a campfire and spending time with his family. Larry was passionate about sports. Whether it was cheering for his daughters at their gymnastic and diving meets, or himself playing softball, volleyball, and a lot of racquetball over the years. He was the 1997 ND Men's A Singles racquetball champion and he competed in racquetball in three Senior Olympics. In recent years his great joy was watching his grandson play baseball and hockey. Actually, any activity with Ty brought "Papa" much happiness. Larry was also an avid skier who went on many trips to Big Sky Montana, and even skied in the Swiss Alps.

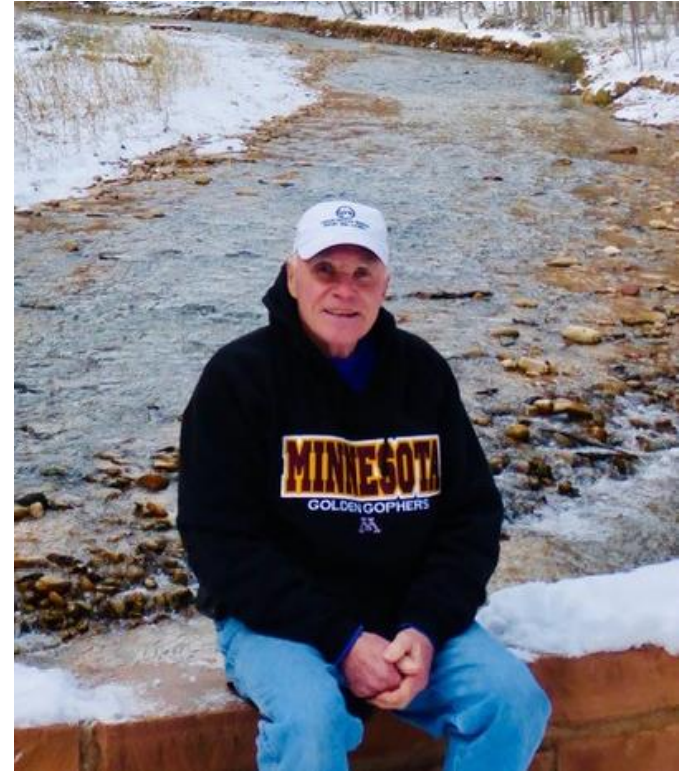
In 2001 he retired, and they bought their dream home on Lake Victoria in Alexandria, MN so they could be closer to their daughters. They felt welcomed into the community and made many good friends. Many miles were put on the cars with trips to Minneapolis to visit their daughters.

Larry was a man who got great satisfaction from fixing things up around the house, working in the yard and spending time in his workshop. He was not one to sit still and always had a project going.

Later in life, Larry became passionate about hiking with numerous winters spent in Utah, where there were endless trails to explore, golf to be played and friends to socialize with. There were travel adventures to Switzerland, Italy, Austria, and Germany. Disneyland and national parks were favorite US destinations.

Larry is survived by his wife of 55 years, Mary Lou, and their two daughters, Dawn Bartl (Gary Milne) and Terri Link (Ron) and grandson Ty. He's also survived by his siblings: Kenny Bartl, Donna Hammer, Darlene (Lysle) Coleman, Mavis (Glen) Thompson and Connie Johnson, as well as many nieces, nephews, and friends.

## *Remembering the Life of*



*Larry A. Bartl*

*1944 ~ 2021*

## ***The Day God Called You Home***

*God looked around His garden  
and found an empty space.  
Then He looked down upon the earth  
and saw your tired face.  
He put his arms around you,  
lifted you to rest.  
God's garden must be beautiful,  
for He only takes the best.  
He knew that you were suffering.  
He knew you were in pain.  
He saw the road was getting rough,  
and the hills were hard to climb.  
So He closed your weary eyes,  
and whispered, "Peace be thine".  
It broke our hearts to lose you,  
but you did not go alone.  
For part of us went with you,  
the day God called you home.*

*In Loving Memory of*

***Larry A. Bartl***

October 29, 1944 † July 20, 2021

**Parish Prayer Service**

Friday, July 23, 2021, 7:00 PM

**Memorial Mass**

St. Mary's Catholic Church

Alexandria, Minnesota

Saturday, July 24, 2021, 10:30 AM

**Officiant**

Father Matthew Kuhn

**Musical Selections By**

Laurie Youngers

Erin Takle

