

## Remembering the Life....

Charles Alden Opsahl was born May 12, 1942 to Arnold and Eleanor (Onsum) Opsahl. He grew up with his parents and siblings on farms around the Pelican Rapids, Erhard and Rothsay areas. He graduated from Rothsay High School in 1960.

After high school, Charlie worked briefly in the Cities, but was drafted into the Army during the Vietnam War in 1964. He served his time as an assistant chaplain, stationed at Fort Hood, Texas. This position, he said, deepened his faith. He was discharged in 1966, after which he spent time working on the neighboring Ouse farm. Charlie had many fond memories of working on the farm, as it was something he greatly enjoyed.

Charlie met his wife of 40 years, Doris Hagen, on a blind date set up by his cousin and her friend. They dated about 2 years and then were married on November 18, 1972, in Fergus Falls. They started their life together in a little home in Moorhead. In 1974, they moved to Fergus Falls, where they welcomed their two daughters, Beth in 1975, and Heidi in 1977. Charlie and Doris moved to a small farm near Underwood in 1981, where he farmed for a time. They were blessed with a son, Mark, in 1986.

Charlie worked for the US Postal Service for nearly 40 years, before retiring in 2007. He held many positions in his time with the Post Office, from mail sorting to driver training to working at the customer service window. Many enjoyed his always smiling face at the Fergus Falls Post Office window.

After retiring, Charlie and Doris liked to take little drives around the area, whether to craft shows or just to go for a drive.

Charlie loved time with his family, especially his grandchildren, Hailey and Luke Voeller and Ella Opsahl. He took pride in his lawn and garden, and what ever project around the farm he was tinkering with. Charlie also enjoyed feeding the local birds, and unfortunately many a squirrel, raccoon and deer.

On Saturday, May 20, 2023, Charlie passed away at Essentia Hospital, Fargo, North Dakota, at the age of eighty-one years.

Charlie will be greatly missed by his children: Beth Opsahl of Underwood; Heidi (Michael) Voeller of Rugby, North Dakota; and Mark (Danielle) Opsahl of Underwood; as well as grandchildren Hailey and Luke Voeller and Ella Opsahl. He is also survived by his mother, Eleanor Opsahl; siblings: Joyce (Andy) Norgren, Harold (Debbie) Opsahl and David (Lou Ann) Opsahl; as well as several nephews, nieces and their families. Charlie was preceded in death by his wife Doris, father Arnold, in-laws Elmer and Mabel Hagen, brother-in-law Duane Hagen, and aunts and uncles.

Blessed be the Memory of Charles Opsahl

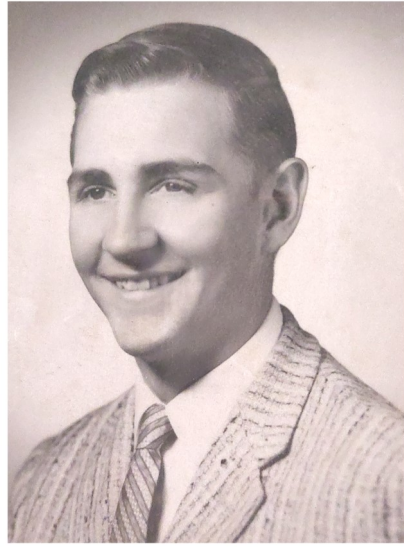
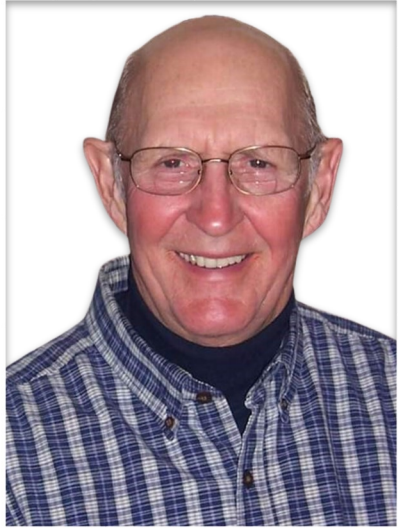


# *In Loving Memory of Charles A. Opsahl*

*May 12, 1942 ~ May 20, 2023*

Every blade in the field  
Every leaf in the forest  
Lays down its life in its season  
As beautifully as  
it was taken up

~ Thoreau ~



Do not stand by my grave and weep  
I am not there. I do not sleep  
I am a thousand winds that blow  
I am a diamond glint on snow  
I am the sunlight on ripened grain  
I am the gentle autumn rain.  
When you awake in the morning hush  
of quiet birds in circling flight  
I am the soft starshine at night  
Do not stand by my grave and cry  
I am not there - I did not die.

~ Anonymous ~

*In Loving Memory Of*  
**Charles Alden Opsahl**

May 12, 1942 ~ May 20, 2023

**Memorial Service**

Saturday, May 27, 2023 at 2:00 PM  
Glende-Nilson Funeral Home  
Fergus Falls, Minnesota

**Officiating**

Pastor Mark Johnson

**Music**

Sue Vukonich, organist  
Melissa Fronning, soloist  
*"On Eagle's Wings"*  
*"The Lord's Prayer"*

**Congregational Hymns**

*"Amazing Grace"*  
*"It Is Well With My Soul"*

**Military Honors**

FWW Post 612 & American Legion Post 30

**Honorary Urnbearers**

*Charlie's Grandchildren*  
Hailey Voeller ~ Luke Voeller ~ Ella Opsahl

**Interment**

Aurdal Cemetery  
Fergus Falls, Minnesota

**Appreciation**

Charlie's family is grateful for your attendance at this service.  
Your many expressions of kindness and love are deeply appreciated. Please join family and friends for cake, coffee and fellowship following the service.

**Arrangements by**

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