



Wayne Alvin Haben

Age 79

May 6, 1944

Morris, Minnesota

January 26, 2024

Alexandria, Minnesota

FUNERAL SERVICE

Monday, January 29, 2024 - 11:00 AM
Good Shepherd Lutheran Church
Alexandria, Minnesota

CLERGY

Pastor Jonathan Jahnke

MUSICIANS

Lynette Finnern
Kari Campbell

PALLBEARERS

Jay Behrens, Lee Behrens, Brian Haben
Dick Hadash, Wilbur Hamann, Rodney Wilson
Tom Hadler, Myron Haben

HONORARY PALLBEARERS

Diamond Willow Friends & Staff
Bethany on the Lake Friends & Staff

INTERMENT

Summit Cemetery
Morris, Minnesota

HE IS GONE

*You can shed tears that he is gone,
Or you can smile because he has lived.*

*You can close your eyes and pray that he'll come back,
Or you can open your eyes and see all he's left.*

*Your heart can be empty because you can't see him,
Or you can be full of the love you shared.*

*You can turn your back on tomorrow and live yesterday,
Or you can be happy for tomorrow because of yesterday.*

*You can remember him and only that he's gone,
Or you can cherish his memory and let it live on.*

*You can cry and close your mind,
be empty and turn your back
Or you can do what he'd want:
smile, open your eyes, love and go on.*

Wayne Haben was born May 6, 1944 at the hospital in Morris, Minnesota to Alvin and Lillie (Buntje) Haben. He was baptized and confirmed in the Lutheran faith at Trinity Lutheran Fairfield in Holloway, Minnesota. He grew up farming with his parents and neighbors, leaving him with many treasured memories. Wayne was also active in Walther League and the Work and Win 4-H Club, where he enjoyed raising sheep for his projects.

After graduation, he attended the machinist program at Staples Technical College in Staples, Minnesota. He later went to work at Donnelly Plastics in Alexandria and at Withers Manufacturing in Osakis.

In 1984, when he retired, Wayne spent time fishing with his dad and friends, doing woodworking, keeping up the yard, playing cards, attending Saturday night races at Viking Speedway, and visiting with relatives and friends. Towards the end of his life, Wayne moved into Diamond Willow Assisted Living and continued to enjoy visits from family and friends, but also learned to appreciate many other activities -- like keeping even closer track of the farm markets, listening to KXRA Radio, watching the Sunday morning church service broadcasted by Zion Lutheran Church, doing puzzles, and paint by number paintings. Throughout this time he remained a faithful member of Good Shepherd Lutheran Church in Alexandria.

Wayne is survived by his siblings: Audrey Behrens, Myron (Pamela) Haben; nephews: Jay (Mona) Behrens, Lee (Kelly) Behrens, Brian (Kayla) Haben; he is also survived by many other beloved relatives and friends. He is preceded in death by his parents, Alvin and Lillie.

