

Bennie Martin Holmquist was born October 15, 1936, in Little Sauk Township, Todd County, to Carl and Dora (Pettit) Holmquist.

Ben was united in marriage to Violet Porttiin on November 19, 1960, at St. John's Lutheran Church, Grey Eagle, MN. This union was blessed with three children. They raised their family on a small dairy farm east of Round Prairie. He also worked at Long Prairie Machinery and Mid State Tractor as a tractor mechanic. To say he was "just a mechanic" is an understatement. What he lacked in formal education, he more than made up for in his knowledge of tractors and vintage automobiles. In later years, he worked with Terry Crider in construction and 25+ years at Jennie-O in Melrose.

Ben was a man of faith who loved his family and would help anyone who asked. He was often found mowing the lawn and cleaning snow on the River of Life Church grounds. He was a quiet man by nature yet would perk up and have an endless supply of facts when the topic of conversation turned to tractors and old cars. You would often hear him humming an old hymn while working. He very much enjoyed fishing and camping with his family.

Bennie M. Holmquist passed from this life on Wednesday, January 25, 2023, at Meadow Lane Nursing Home in Benson, MN, at the age of 86. Ben is survived by his children, Rebecca (Ricky) Green, Eagle Bend, Yvonne Rajewsky, Benson, Benjamin (Denise) Holmquist, Sauk Centre; grandchildren, Heather (Tony) Zierden, Brent Green, Sarah (Aaron) Plasky, Robin Holmquist, Anna (Justin) Herke, Kelsey and Ian Rajewsky; great grandchildren, Brionna and Lily Zierden, Maisie Herke and Molly Plasky; and siblings, Pearl Radeug, Eagle Bend, and Albert (Kay) Holmquist, Richville.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Carl & Dora Holmquist; Sister, Marion Finch and six brothers, Carl, Gene, Virgil, Harold, Harry and Marvin.

I N L O V I N G
Memory



Bennie M. Holmquist

1936 ~ 2023

I'm Free

*Don't grieve for me, for now I'm free,
I'm following the path God laid for me.*

*I took his hand when I heard his call,
I turned my back and left it all.*

*I could not stay another day,
To laugh, to love, to work, to play.*

*Tasks left undone must stay that way,
I've found that peace at the close of the day.*

*If my parting has left a void,
Then fill it with remembered joy.
A friendship shared, a laugh, a kiss,
Ah yes, these things I too will miss.*

*Be not burdened with times of sorrow,
I wish you the sunshine of tomorrow.*

*My Life's been full, I savored much,
Good friends, good times, a loved one's touch,*

*Perhaps my time seemed all too brief,
Don't lengthen it now with undue grief.*

*Lift up your heart and share with me,
God wanted me now, He set me free.*

In Loving
M E M O R Y

Bennie M. Holmquist

October 15, 1936 † January 25, 2023

Memorial Service
River of Life Church
Sauk Centre, Minnesota
Saturday, February 4, 2023
2:00 PM

Officiant
Pastor Kyle Peterson

Musician
Ashley Klaphake

Interment
Kandota Township Cemetery
Later Date