

*Celebrating* THE *Life* OF  
**Edward Boettcher**

MARCH 21, 1947 - FEBRUARY 25, 2024

If I could write from *Heaven*  
this is what I'd say,  
Please don't miss me too much,  
I'm with you throughout your day.  
You may not see or hear me,  
but if you're quiet and still,  
You may just **FEEL MY PRESENCE;**  
because, in Heaven, there is free will.  
Don't worry for the day,  
it will come and go as planned,  
*Enjoy each moment* you are given,  
keep worry from your hand.  
Keep sorrow to a minimum;  
For if Heaven you could see,  
You'd know I'm **SAFE AND HAPPY,**  
I did not cease to be.  
Moments in time are brief,  
until we'll be together again,  
as *Eternity lasts Forever,*  
our lives, they have no end.

**Services At:**

Good Shepherd Lutheran Church - Morris, Minnesota  
Saturday - March 2, 2024 - 11:00 a.m.

**Officiating Clergy:**

Reverend Michael Hanson

**Family Remembrances:**

Cherrie Brecht & Heidi Wolbersen

**Musician:**

Shirley Hanson

**Urnbearer:**

Scott Boettcher

**Honorary Urnbearers:**

Cherrie, Heidi, & Tim  
Nicole Boardman & Christopher Boettcher

**Interment:**

Summit Cemetery  
Morris, Minnesota

It is with heavy hearts that we announce the passing of our Edward 'Ed' Arnold Boettcher, who left us on February 25, 2024, at the age of 76 years. He was surrounded by the love of his family and friends as he peacefully transitioned to the next chapter of his journey.

Ed was born in Morris, Minnesota on March 21, 1947, to Arnold and Carol Boettcher. Ed grew up in Morris, and lived in town with his mom, dad, and siblings. He was diagnosed with Polio at the age of 5, when his aunt, who was an RN, came and stayed with them to help care for him with Ed's mom. Per his siblings, from that day forward he was the "chosen child". He could do no wrong in his parents' eyes and was often the one that found trouble. Ed was known to do "funny" things like: let cattle out of their pens to run free in the city of Hancock, and to flatten his car tires and ride the train tracks.

Growing up, Ed loved spending time with his dad hunting, fishing and working on the Frank Farm. Ed's parents purchased an implement dealership originally called 'Arnie's Farm Store' in the fall of 1967, where Ed was often found working with his dad. It eventually became his full-time job and In November of 1976, when his dad passed away, Ed and his brother Scott took over the family business. When the small dealerships began struggling to survive, Ed and Scott turned the implement dealership into a sporting clay range called "The Shoot Out" and later had PrairieLand Equipment Storage Rental which they still ran together.

Ed was a devoted family man who cherished every moment spent with his loved ones. From downhill skiing, fishing, hunting, swimming, gardening, canning and playing ball with his family and friends; to building his own homes, cabins, canoes, and docks; Ed's talents were innumerable.

Ed especially looked forward to special activities with his kids, grandkids, wife, nieces, nephews, siblings and friends. In the Fall, there was apple picking and baking pies, and in November and December it was Christmas cookies and lefse making. He loved creating, teaching and sharing his recipes and many talents with others. He enjoyed conversations of auctions, politics, and gun collecting with his son, Troy.

His warmth, kindness, amazing baking skills, and varied talents made him the heart of their family. He leaves behind a legacy of love, memories, and the values he instilled in each of us.

For some of you in his family and/or community, you may not know, but he was SANTA. In the early years of their marriage, Ed and Lori enjoyed playing Mr. and Mrs. Claus in the Morris and surrounding communities. He had a jolly laugh and a gentle way about him that made this role a perfect fit.

Ed is survived by his wife, Lori Boettcher of Donnelly; children: Cherrie (Craig Mast) Brecht of Osakis, Heidi (Brad) Wolbersen of Coon Rapids and Tim Boettcher of Donnelly; grandchildren: Whitney (Nate) Citrowske of Farwell, Jordon Brecht of Fridley, Brooklyn Brecht of Alexandria, Tony Brecht of Starbuck, Samantha Wolbersen of Coon Rapids, Savannah Wolbersen of Coon Rapids, Brandon Boettcher of Breckenridge, Megan Boettcher of Morris, and Liberty Haack Boettcher of Alexandria; 3 great-grandchildren: Katherine Elwood, Rowen Brecht, and Parker Citrowske; siblings: Michelle 'Mickey' (John) Hickman of Morris, Pam (Chuck) Rose of Brandon and Scott (Shannon) Boettcher of Barrett; and several nieces, nephews, extended family and friends who will forever cherish the memories of a loving husband, devoted father, doting grandfather, and loyal friend. Ed is preceded in death by his parents, Arnold and Carol; daughter, Brielle Boettcher; and son, Troy Boettcher.



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