

Harry Thomas Dunn Bedman, Jr., age eighty-six, of Alexandria, MN, passed away on Sunday, August 11, 2019, at Bethany on the Lake in the Lake Pelican Bay Memory Care.

Harry was born on April 8, 1933, to Harry Sr. and Hilda (Anderson) Bedman, of Alexandria. He grew up at the family resort, Bedman's Beach, on Lake Ida and attended Alexandria public schools. In high school, he played varsity football and won many friends with his energy and sense of humor.

After graduating in 1951, Harry married Lorraine Schoeneck of Alexandria.

Harry enrolled at St. Cloud State University where he pursued his education degree.

Three years later, Harry enlisted in the United States Army. He served two years in Germany, where he attained the rank of corporal.

Upon his return from the service, Harry completed his degree in Industrial Arts and Physics from St. Cloud State University. His first teaching job was in Mountain Lake, MN. One year later, he began teaching in the Robbinsdale School District and began raising a family in Crystal, MN. He and Lorraine were blessed with four children, Deborah, Connie, Jackie, and Jerome.

During this time, Harry became the fourth successive generation to run the family resort, Bedman's Beach on Lake Ida. He continued to teach during the school year and drive the family to Alexandria to work at the resort on weekends and throughout each summer. In addition to serving the guests at the resort, Harry enjoyed tracing the Bedman family and resort history. He kept records all the way back to 1856, when his great-grandfather arrived in the area.

In June 1990, Harry retired from teaching. On October 27, 1990, he married Marilyn (Peterson) Henton of Crystal. With this union he became stepfather to daughters, Nancy and Karen.

Harry and Marilyn spent their winters in Phoenix, AZ and continued to run Bedman's Beach during the summers until its final season in 1998.

Harry was a quiet, hard-working man who could build or fix anything. He especially enjoyed the quiet outdoors, photography, reading, history, wood-working, boat building, sailing and making people laugh. He was a good sport with practical jokes and enjoyed amusing people with his quick wit.

Harry was preceded in death by his parents, Harry Sr. and Hilda Bedman; two brothers, James and Lyle Bedman; sister, Liliias Gagnon; and son-in-law, Lee Warfield.

Harry is survived by his wife of twenty-eight years, Marilyn Bedman of Alexandria; daughters, Deborah (Marlon) Sias of Hill City, MN; Connie (Ralph) Martin of Alexandria and Jackie Warfield of Alexandria; son, Jerome Bedman of Alexandria; step-daughters, Nancy Frie (Lynn Matti) of Rochester, MN and Karen (Jeff) Peterson of New Hope, MN; grandchildren, Rachel (Adrian) Zenz, Michelle (Eddie) Zahn, Bethany (Andy) Johnson, Marlon-David Sias, Priscilla Sias, Tia (Vusal) Hasanov, Kate (Jason) Piehl, Craig (Whitney) Martin, Nicole (Tony) Buss, Nancy (Phil) Kothrade, Thomas (Samantha) Bedman and Emily Bedman; Marilyn's grandchildren, Nathan (Kerri) Matti, Joshua (Bekki) Matti, Amanda (Geoff) Samples, Cassandra (Nick) Olson, Kyle (Grace) Peterson and Nicolas (Laura) Peterson; great-grandchildren, Michaela, Jonathan, Aryanna, Edward, Havana, Zenya, Audrey, Elias, Mikail, Haylee and Leah; and Marilyn's great-grandchildren, Colynn, Lucy, Wyatt, Sawyer, Evan and Hazel.

In Loving Memory



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Funeral Service

Bethany on the Lake Chapel
Alexandria, Minnesota
Friday, August 16, 2019
1 PM

Officiant

Reverend Scott Keehn

Musicians

Cassandra Olson
Amanda Samples
Marlon-David Sias
Adrian Zenz

Casket Bearers

All of Harry's Grandchildren

Private Interment

Fort Snelling National Cemetery
Minneapolis, Minnesota

Military Honors

Fort Snelling National Cemetery Honor Guard

*For Those I Love,
For Those Who Love Me...*

*When I am gone, release me, let me go...
I have so many things to see and do.
You mustn't tie yourself to me with tears,
But let my spirit calm your fears,
I gave you my love. You can only guess
How much you gave me in happiness.
I thank you for the love you have shown,
But now it's time I traveled on alone!*

*So grieve a while for me, if grieve you must,
Then let your grief be comforted by trust.
It's only for a while that we must part,
So bless the memories that lie within your heart.
I won't be far away, for life goes on.
So if you need me, call and I will come.
Though you can't see me or touch me, I'll be near,
And if you listen with your heart, you'll hear
All of my love around you soft and clear.*

*And then, when you must come this way alone...
I'll greet you with a smile and say,
"Welcome Home."*

