



Remembering
THE LIFE OF
Bert Kracht

April 15, 1936 - December 1, 2023

Weep not tears of sorrow
Because I've gone away,
But weep with tears of gladness
For the peace I have today.
I know your hearts are heavy
With sorrow that you bear,
But God has called me home,
My place is ready there.
My stay on earth is completed.
My final rest is won.
I've received the richest blessing,
To be with God's own Son.



Bert "Bud" Kracht was born to Peter and Grace (Flier) Kracht on April 15, 1936, in Rock Rapids, Iowa. He attended country school with completion of 8th grade and later in life completed his High School/ GED in Rock County, Minnesota.

On April 18, 1954, he met the love of his life, Theodora De Graaff. The couple were united in marriage on February 17, 1956, in Hull, Iowa and made their first home on a farm by Rock Rapids, Iowa. The couple later crossed the nearby border to a farm in Minnesota. In 1968, Bert and Theo moved to Beaver Creek, Minnesota. On Friday, December 1, 2023, Bert went to be with his Lord at the age of 87 years.

After farming, he was employed at IBP in Luverne, Minnesota for 20 years. On March 23, 1984, he began employment with Beaver Creek Township as the Maintainer/Road Grader Operator for 32 years. Bert enjoyed working with the farming community.

Bert enjoyed riding horse and traveling with the children and their horses in various local parades. He supported his children and grandchildren with 4-H and FFA activities, a tradition which lives on in his family today. He loved fishing, gardening, music and square dancing. He was a square-dance caller in various clubs - The Tri-Square Club in Hills, Minnesota and National Square Dance in Omaha, Nebraska. Bert and Theo made a wonderful partnership on and off the dance floor for over 56 years.

Bert enjoyed spending time with his children, grandchildren and great grandchildren. Bert loved the Lord and relied on his faith throughout life's joys and challenges. He was a member of the First Presbyterian Church in Beaver Creek, Minnesota. His legacy will live on through his survivors. He is remembered by four children, Leon and Linda Kracht of Pipestone, MN, Carl Kracht of Sioux Falls, SD, Delbert Kracht of Luverne, MN, and Darla and Scott Goodhart of Garretson, SD; lifelong family friends, Dan and Lori Thomas of Chandler, AZ; grandchildren, Traci and Mike, Lucas and Kelly, Becky and Derrick, Jessica and Matt, Holly, Joseph and Ruth, Jared, Crystal, Zach, Seth and Shawna; great-grandchildren, Daniel and Danielle, Rebekah, Caleb, Abigail, Carter, Braelyn, Chloe, Madison, Breanne, Aliya, Luke, Shaeden, SJ, Arron, Alyssa, Ashley, Zak, Mark; nieces, nephews, cousins, and a host of friends.

Bert was preceded in death by his wife, Theodora; his parents and siblings; grandson, Nicholas Kracht; and great-grandson, Micah Sechler.

In lieu of flowers, donations in memory may be sent to the Beaver Creek Volunteer Fire and Rescue team.

Celebrating THE *Life* OF
Bert Kracht



Funeral Service

Friday, December 8, 2023 - 10:00 AM
Hartquist Funeral Home - Luverne, Minnesota

Officiating - Pastor Michael Blank

Eulogists - Darla Goodhart & Leon Kracht

Scripture Readings

Joshua 1:9 Psalm 71:5, 17 Jeremiah 17:7
II Corinthians 12:9 John 14:27

Pianist - Mary Crawford

Duet - Becky DeWilde & Traci Sechler "How Great Thou Art"

Congregational Hymn

"God Be With You Till We Meet Again"

Recorded Music

"Love Without End, Amen" as recorded by George Strait

Casket Bearers & Honorary Casket Bearers

Mike & Traci Sechler	Derrick & Becky DeWilde
Zach Kracht	Crystal Stewart
Seth & Shawna Kracht	Jessica Kracht & Matt Roozing
Joseph & Ruth Kracht	Jared Kracht
Holly Clifford	Lucas & Kelly Kracht
Carter Kracht	

Interment

Beaver Creek Cemetery - Beaver Creek, Minnesota



Bert's family would like to thank you for your presence today and expresses their appreciation for any memorials that have been donated in Bert's memory.

Arrangements Entrusted To
HARTQUIST FUNERAL HOME