

Burdell Oliver Benson was born September 3, 1929 in Ben Wade Township, MN, the son of Robert and Olga (Moseng) Benson. He grew up on the family farm near Starbuck and attended country school. Following his schooling he worked on the farm with his parents.

Burdell was employed with Alexandria Light and Power as a lineman. On August 20, 1960 Burdell was united in marriage to Virginia Enstrom. The couple was blessed with two children, Barb and Larry. He worked as a lineman for thirty years and retired as a line foreman. Burdell continued to run the farm where they had lived since 1963. Over the years they had raised numerous animals and feed crops.

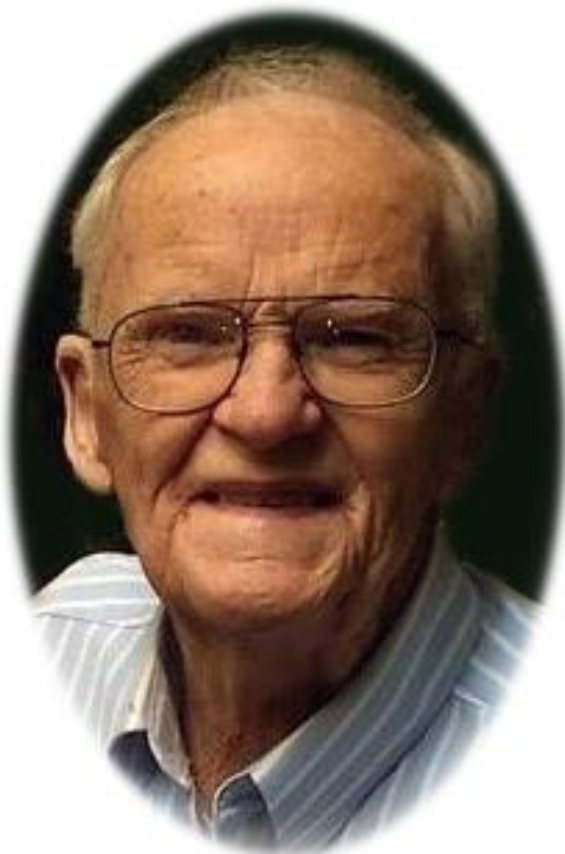
They eventually moved off of the farm and into a home originally built by Virginia's father just north of Alex where they resided for numerous years. They moved to Grand Arbor in Alexandria in summer of 2016 where he resided until his passing.

Burdell was an avid fisherman and loved fishing year-round and was always generous with his catch. He enjoyed fishing and spending time at Barb's cabin & deer hunting and spending time at Larry's farm. He enjoyed sports and loved baseball. In young adulthood he was a pitcher for the Lowry Leghorns. He was an avid fan of the Minnesota Twins. He also enjoyed camping and traveling around the United States.

Burdell was a very giving person and when he gave, he did so in the humblest way possible. He was a patient man with great integrity and a sense of fairness. He also liked to visit with others and share his great sense of humor. Burdell had a strong faith in God and used his faith to guide his actions in life. He was a member of Grace Church. He was active and served in many roles including deacon, trustee, youth leader, choir member, usher, Sunday school teacher, and greeter over the years. He emulated God's love in how well he loved his wife, children, grandchildren and anyone he met.

Burdell died Friday, April 13, 2018 at the age of eighty-eight years. He is survived by his wife, M. Virginia Benson of Alexandria; daughter, Barb Hagen and husband, Kent, of Andover, MN; son, Larry Benson and wife, Peggy, of Cushing, MN, grandchildren, Josh Hagen and wife, Sydney, Caleb Hagen, Zachary Hagen, Kailey Hagen, Aunie Benson and Stig Benson; one great grandson, Taylor Hagen; sister, Janice Mithun and husband, Sidney, of Cyrus, MN; a niece and nephews, and numerous cousins.

## *In Loving Memory*



*Burdell Benson*

*1929 ~ 2018*

*In Memory of*

**Burdell Oliver Benson**

September 3, 1929 † April 13, 2018

**Funeral Service**

Grace Church  
Alexandria, Minnesota  
Wednesday, April 18, 2018  
12 Noon

**Officiant**

Reverend Craig Dahl

**Musicians**

Marcia Peterson  
Vicki Dahl  
Vicki Hessel

**Casket Bearers**

Josh Hagen	Caleb Hagen
Zachary Hagen	Kailey Hagen
Aunie Benson	Stig Benson

**Interment**

Kinkead Cemetery  
Alexandria, Minnesota

*Then I saw a new heaven and a  
new earth, for the first heaven and  
the first earth had passed away,  
and the sea was no more.*

*He will wipe away every tear from  
their eyes, and death shall be no  
more, neither shall there be  
mourning, nor crying, nor pain  
anymore, for the former things have  
passed away.”*

*Revelations 21:1, 4*

