

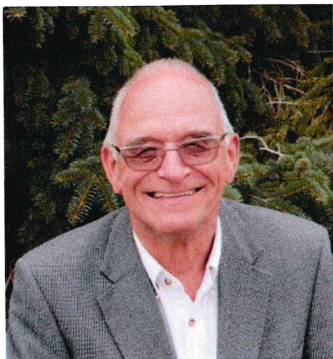
Psalm 23 is associated with death,  
but it has a much deeper meaning;  
for it's a beautiful promise of  
everlasting life and renewal.

It assures us that even in death we'll not be alone,  
that God will be there to lead us home  
and give us comfort.

It's a vow that there's nothing to fear  
for great things await us in heaven.

Truly, this prayer should lend hope and comfort  
to all who hear it.





*Calvin James Bootsma* was born May 20, 1947, in Primghar, Iowa, the son of Peter and Johanna (Kaemingk) Bootsma, the oldest of 7 children. He attended and graduated from Sanborn Christian School, Western Christian High School and Dordt College.

Calvin proudly served in the United States Army from February 1968 to February 1970 and was deployed in Vietnam for one year

attaining the rank of Sergeant. While serving, he was awarded the Bronze Star Medal for Heroism and several other medals and awards.

Calvin married Patsy Mars on March 5, 1971. They made their home in Ireton, Iowa. Calvin was employed at Farmers Coop Society Lumber Division in Ireton for 23 years. He was also employed at Timber Roots (Hawarden), Farmers Coop Society Lumber Division (Sioux Center), and Bomgaars (Sioux Center).

Growing up on the family farm, Calvin fell in love with farming and Farmall tractors. He continued to cultivate this love on his hobby farm. Calvin was an active member of Ireton Christian Reformed Church and supporter of Ireton Christian School. Memorial Day was special to him as he honored those who served with his family at his side. He also enjoyed woodworking, baseball, camping, giving tractor rides, and collecting treasures that he shared with everyone lovingly.

Calvin passed away on Wednesday, September 10, 2024 at the Veterans Administration Sioux Falls Health Care System in Sioux Falls, South Dakota at the age of 77 years.

He grew up in a large family and family was important to him. He will be remembered by his children, **Mary Jo and David Clark** of Merrill, Iowa and their children, Gabe and his fiancé Erin, Paige, and Mikaela; **Carl and Karoline Bootsma** of Sioux Falls, South Dakota and their children, Carson, Karrie, and Christian; **Karen and Brad Paulsen** of Merrill, and their children Maxine and Jaxon; his siblings, Elvern and Helen Bootsma, Jo and Del Spronk, Janice and Bill Pearson, Phil and Barb Bootsma, Wendel and Helene Buys; sister-in-law, Barb Bootsma; and many nieces, nephews, and extended family.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Patsy; son, Jared; and brothers, Jerome and Harlan Bootsma.

## *In Loving Memory Of Calvin James Bootsma*

### **FUNERAL SERVICE**

10:30 a.m. Monday, September 16, 2024  
Christian Reformed Church  
Ireton, Iowa

### **OFFICIATING**

Rev. Nate Kuperus

### **PIANIST**

Donna Koopmans

### **CONGREGATIONAL HYMNS**

*“There Is A Redeemer”*

*“In Christ Alone”*

### **CASKET BEARERS**

Carl Bootsma ~ David Clark

Brad Paulsen ~ Gabe Clark

Carson Bootsma ~ Jaxon Paulsen

Christian Bootsma ~ Jay Bootsma

### **MILITARY RITES**

Bertram American Legion Post 276 of Ireton  
Iowa Army Honor Guard

### **INTERMENT**

Grace Hill Cemetery  
Hawarden, Iowa

*Please join Calvin's family for lunch and fellowship in the church hall following the funeral service.*