

Don't grieve for me, for now I'm free
I'm following the path God laid for me.
I took His hand when I heard Him call

I turned my back and left it all

I could not stay another day

To laugh, to love, to work or play

Tasks left undone must stay that way

I found that peace at the close of the day

If my parting has left a void

Then fill it with remembered

Joy

A friendship shared,

a laugh, a kiss Ah, yes, these things I too will miss

Be not burdened with times of sorrow

I wish for you the sunshine of tomorrow

My life has been full, I've savored much

Good friends, good times,

a loved one's touch

Perhaps my time seemed all too brief

Don't lengthen it now with undue grief

Lift up your heart and share with me

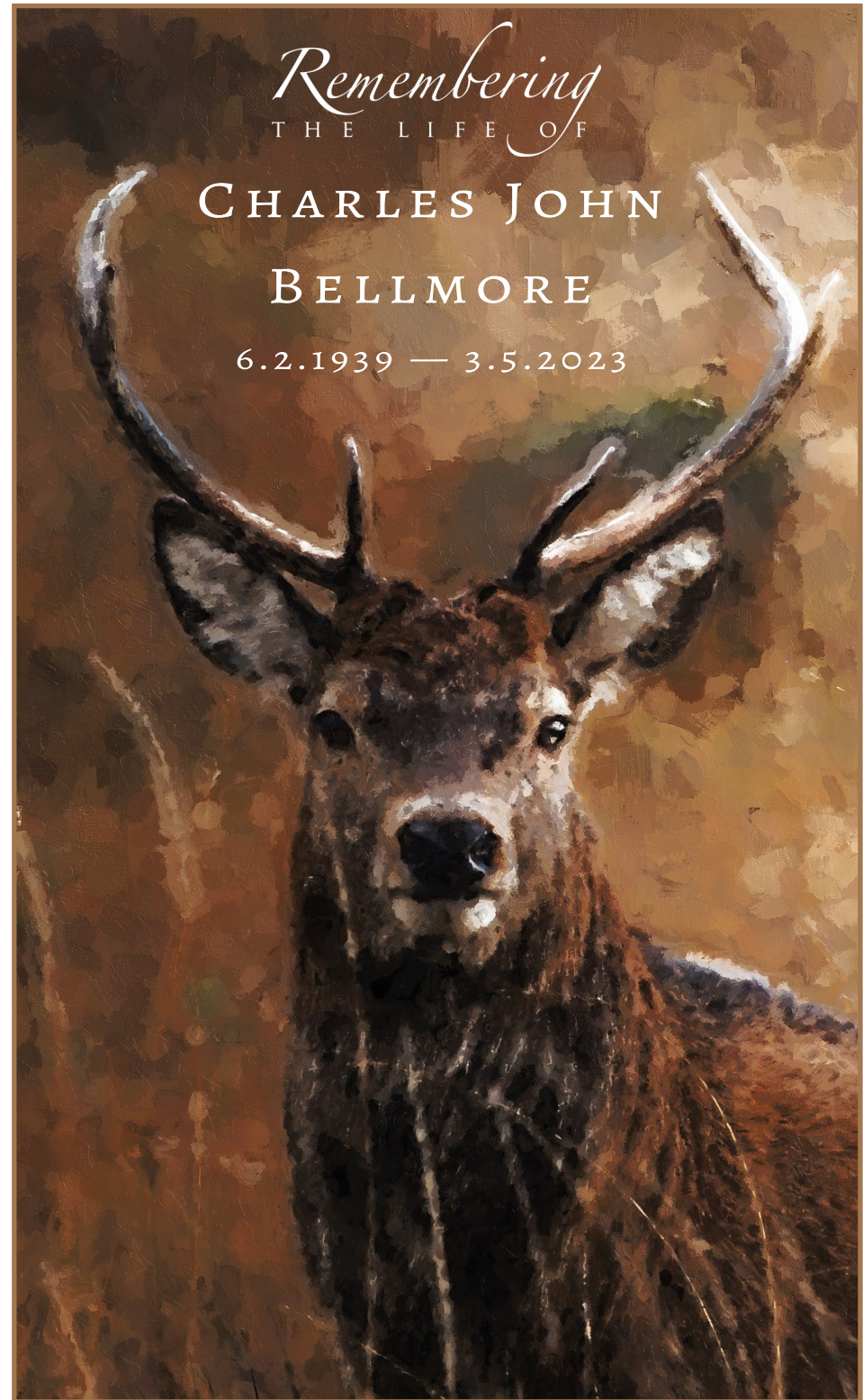
God wanted me now, He set me **FREE!**

Remembering
THE LIFE OF

CHARLES JOHN

BELLMORE

6.2.1939 — 3.5.2023



Charles John Bellmore, 83, of Wahpeton, ND, passed away peacefully under the care of CHI hospice Tuesday, March 7, 2023.



Charles, affectionately known as “Charlie,” was born on June 2, 1939, in Detroit Lakes, MN, to Jack and Amelia (Pawlak) Bellmore. After his formal education at Waubun School System, he joined his dad in the family farming operations. In 1957, Charlie worked for the US Government as a private contractor and was soon sent to Cambodia for 8 weeks to find a POW camp. Charlie worked for Robanks Manufacturing for 24 years and, in the meantime, owned and operated his own business, Bellmore & Sons, where he completed septic tank service, trenching, and excavating.

On March 17, 2001, Charlie was united in marriage to Jan Stiffler in Abercrombie, ND. To this union, Charlie welcomed two children into his family, and Jan welcomed eight into hers. Together, they watched their family grow with grandchildren and great-grandchildren as the years went on. Shortly after he and Jan married, they began planning camping trips as often as possible and enjoyed retirement together.

From the earliest years of his life, Charlie was hunting and fishing; as his children grew up, he passed along this passion to them as well. He was a hero in the eyes of his children and a pillar of strength to his grandchildren. His work ethic was next to none, and nothing stopped Charlie from completing a full day at work- not even the forklift falling on him. Amongst the community, he was known for his volunteer work, especially his welding projects at Chahinkapa Zoo in many of the habitat enclosures. During the Veteran’s Day parades, Charlie proudly drove his army jeep as the community watched from the sidewalks. The American Flag was his favorite symbol, and he took pride in his country and community. He preferred the color blue, loved country music, and typically had an old war movie on the television.

Charlie will forever be cherished by his loving wife of nearly 22 years, Jan Bellmore; children, Steve Bellmore, Brian (Karen) Bellmore, Jeff Bellmore (Carly Jimenez), Mike Bellmore, Kathy (Adam) Walton, Mark Bellmore, Kim (Joel) Nelson, and Dean (Trudi) Bellmore; stepdaughter, Kelli (Chad) Friederichs; stepson, Guy (Candice) Striffler; 23 grandchildren; 24 great-grandchildren with two more on the way; 4 step grandchildren, and 2 step great grandchildren; siblings, Phyllis Banks and Maryann Erickson; and three nieces.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Jack, and Amelia Bellmore; and Patricia Bellmore.

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Born: June 2, 1939 • Detroit Lakes, Minnesota

Died: March 7, 2023 • Wahpeton, North Dakota

FUNERAL SERVICE

Vertin-Munson Funeral Home

Wahpeton, North Dakota

11:00 a.m., Saturday, March 11th, 2023

PARTICIPANTS

Pastor Dominick Warner, Officiant

PALLBEARERS

Brian Bellmore • Jeff Bellmore • Mike Bellmore

Mark Bellmore • Dean Bellmore • Larry “Duffer” Benard

SPECIAL MUSIC

Even Though I’m Leaving • Amazing Grace

Wish Grandpas Never Died • On Eagle’s Wings

BURIAL AT A LATER DATE

Fairview Memorial Gardens • Wahpeton, North Dakota

*The family wishes to express their gratitude for your
kind expressions of sympathy and for honoring
Charlie with your presence at the service.*