

Robert E. "Bobby" or "Bob" was born on the family farm in Fallon County on September 14, 1938 to Reuel "Bob" and Marguerite (Crawford) Varner. He grew up attending Chimney Creek School through eighth grade. He moved to town and was working at the Chevy Garage and it was at this time he met the love of his life, Linda Bilges. In December of 1957, Bob and Linda (Bilges) married. To this union three children were born, Doug, Jeff and Kandi. Bob and Linda moved to the farm helping his mother after his father's passing and worked for many neighboring ranches before he was offered an operator job with MDU at Little Beaver Plant. At this time he self-studied and he earned his GED. In 1974, the family moved to Baker when Bob started his electrical apprenticeship. Bob was very proud of this accomplishment which later led him to becoming a master electrician in 1981 and was eventually certified in four states. Bob retired as a master electrician 2004. However, retirement did not stop him from doing what he loved as he continued in the electrical field by starting Varner Electric and worked until 2015. Bob and Linda raised their family with the opinion that you don't have to have money to make wonderful memories. Over the years he became a man of the outdoors, hunting, camping and fishing with his children and grandchildren. Time spent with his family was so enjoyed and treasured. He and Linda took to travel enjoying many cruises (even though he was not fond of water) and attended the NFR for 20 years. Being an avid Dallas Cowboy fan they made a trip to Dallas and attended a game in the new stadium. Nascar also became an interest to Bob. Bob was a loyal member of the community of Baker. He was a member of American Lutheran Church, Baker Fire Department, and Chimney Creek School Board. A large hobby for Bob was golf and he also served on the golf course board. Bob is survived by his loving wife of 66 years Linda; sons, Doug (Rosanne) Varner, Jeff (Jodi) Varner; daughter, Kandi (Dave) Stapleton; grandchildren, Zach (Tessa) Varner, Brady Varner, Dustin Varner; great grandchildren, Aidyn and Kira Varner; step-grandchildren, Candi, Daniel and Andrew Stapleton, Morgan, Mariah, Billie Jo and Johnny Miller; step-great grandchildren, Bradley, Zachary and Wesley Wright, Nixon Stapleton; sister, Marlene Karch; numerous cousins, nieces and nephews. He is preceded in death by his parents Reuel and Marguerite; son, Timothy; sister, Gloria Boggs; brother-in-law, Jim Karch. In lieu of flowers the family would like a charitable donation be made to Fallon Medical Complex.

Bob Varner

September 14, 1938 - May 28, 2024



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FUNERAL SERVICE:

Monday, June 3, 2024 11:00 am
Stevenson Funeral Home
Baker, Montana

PRAYER SERVICE:

Sunday, June 2, 2024 6:00 pm
Stevenson Funeral Home
Baker, Montana

OFFICIATING:

Don Buerkle and Robin Menger

PALLBEARERS:

Dustin Varner	Zach Varner
Brady Varner	Dave Varner
Bob Nelson	Craig Pinnow
Keith Schwartz	Robert Singer
Les Boggs	Kevin Braun

INTERMENT:

Bonnievale Cemetery
Baker, Montana

ARRANGEMENTS BY:

Stevenson Funeral Home
Baker, Montana

*Lunch will be served at Thee Garage
following the graveside service.*

Everyone is welcome.



Dad

When the angels came to get you,
They took along a piece of us all.
So while you're looking down from heaven,
Don't let your teardrops fall.

'Cuz you raised us good, you raised us proud,
Our head will stay high,
Our hearts will ache, tears will fall,
But this is not good bye.

Your body may have left us,
Your spirit never will,
We are who we are because of you,
Our memories with you will never stay still.

Your legacy will go on forever
Through the children's actions, words and ways.
Your soft heart, strong will, and talents
You've passed to us along the way.

Dad, continue watching over us,
We will miss you night and day
But go now, Dad, to be with your parents,
We will meet you there someday.