

Lester Henry Bettermann was born February 11, 1932, on the family farm in Brandon Township, Douglas County, Minnesota to Henry and Irene (Ziegelman) Bettermann. Lester was baptized and confirmed at St. John's Lutheran Church in Garfield. He graduated from Central High School in Alexandria in 1950. Lester helped his father farm, until he joined the United States Army in August of 1954, serving during the Korean War. He served until May of 1956 when he was honorably discharged. Lester returned back to the farm to continue farming with his father and brothers. In 1973, Lester took over the farm from his father.

Lester met Wanda Larson at the Algon Ballroom and the two were married in 1973. The couple made their home on the family farm near Garfield where they farmed. They farmed together until September of 2016, when they moved to Grand Arbor.

Lester was a jack of all trades, fixing all his own equipment. He had a good sense of humor and loved to tell jokes. Lester enjoyed breakfast with his friends on Fridays, pontoon rides, blueberries, and a good slice of pie. He especially loved Sundays spent with Michele and her family, having afternoon pie with his great-granddaughter, Emily. Lester was very involved with being on boards for Holmes City Mutual Insurance, Garfield Elevator, and St John's Lutheran Church. He was very active in his church and most important to Lester was his faith and his family.

Lester died on Monday, February 22, 2021, at Alomore Health in Alexandria at the age of 89. He is survived by his daughter, Michele (Clifford) Wagner of Garfield; grandchildren, Joshua (Nancy) Wagner, Danial (Corinna Reif) Wagner, Lucas Kremer and Amber Larson; great-grandchildren, Emily Wagner, Jeffrey Kremer and Natalie Kremer; siblings, Wille (Hilda) Bettermann of Alexandria, and Kenny (Nola) Bettermann of Battle Lake, Janet (Jim) Slater of Battle Lake, Evelyn (David) Nordstrom of St. Louis Park, and Diane (Rich) Strong of Isanti; and many nieces and nephews. Lester is preceded in death by his parents, Henry and Irene; wife, Wanda; sons, Mark Larson, and Bruce Larson; siblings, Arlene Buse, Deloris Buse, Donald Bettermann, Harry Bettermann, and LaVerne Wussow.

For everything there is a season,
a time for every activity under heaven.
A time to be born and a time to die.
A time to plant and a time to harvest.
A time to kill and a time to heal.
A time to tear down and a time to build up.
A time to cry and a time to laugh.
A time to grieve and a time to dance.
A time to scatter stones and a time to gather stones.
A time to embrace and a time to turn away.
A time to search and a time to quit searching.
A time to keep and a time to throw away.
A time to tear and a time to mend.
A time to be quiet and a time to speak.
A time to love and a time to hate.
A time for war and a time for peace.

Ecclesiastes 3:1-8

In Memory of

**Lester H.
Bettermann**

February 11, 1932



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Funeral Service
St. John's
Lutheran Church
Garfield, Minnesota
Fri, February 26, 2021
11:00 AM



Officiant

Reverend Jeffrey Ross

Organist

Lynette Finnern

Soloist

Jenni Becker

Casket Bearers

Joshua Wagner
Bruce Wussow
Amber Larson

Danial Wagner
Rodney Wussow
Lucas Kremer

Military Honors

Alexandria Veterans Honor Guard
Minnesota National Honor Guard

Interment

St. John's Lutheran Cemetery
Garfield, Minnesota