

Paul Ambrose Zachmann was born on July 7, 1928, to Benno Zachmann and Bernadine Wey Zachmann at the family farm in Frankfort Township, Wright County near St. Michael, Minnesota. He spoke German until he started school where he learned English. He finished eighth grade and then continued to help support his family working on neighboring farms. He and his brother, Carl began making trips to North Dakota in the summer where he worked on the Ernie Schmitz farm. He met the love of his life, Frances Susa in Golva, ND during that time. During the winter he worked at the Twin City Arsenal in Minnesota making ammunition, which he said was the easiest job he ever had. He entered the Army in 1950 and was honorably discharged in 1953. On May 4, 1955, he and Frances were married at Saint Mary's Catholic Church in Golva, ND. To that union, seven children were born. Paul and Frances moved to Baker, Montana in 1958. Paul, worked for his brother-in-law, Ed Susa and helped build Saint John's Catholic Church and the original Fallon Memorial Nursing Home. Paul worked for Susa Construction until 1963 when he went to work for Fratis Construction building the south wing addition of Baker High School. Upon completion, Zachmann and Goroski Construction was formed, building custom homes and remodeling. In 1980, he and his sons formed Zachmann & Sons Construction. He continued building homes and started working in commercial construction. These ventures included the Birthing Suite and the new wing of the Nursing Home at Fallon Medical Complex. During his career, he completed many projects at all the Baker schools. At the semi-retired age of 80, (although the foreman thought he was 68) he went to work for High Tech Construction on the Longfellow School gymnasium addition as the clean-up crew and worked his way up to full time carpenter. He was a member of the American Legion, a Member of the Knights of Columbus Beach ND Council 3354, Miles City MT Council 1518 and a Charter Member of the Knights of Columbus Matthew Gappa Baker MT Council 6294. He was also a 4th Degree member of the Monsignor Hennessey Assembly 1865 serving with the Honor Guard. Anyone who saw his knee replacement "apparatus", knew he was a prankster at heart! As well as being a jokester, he lived the Ten Commandments and quoted the bible without saying a word. No one was a stranger to Paul, and it was a rare occasion when he said the word "No" if asked to help. He led by example and was the true meaning of a husband and a "Dad". Paul was preceded in death by his parents, Benno and Bernadine; siblings and their spouses, Lauretta and Robbie Hartman, Tony and Vi Zachmann, Carl and Ginny Zachmann, Frank Zachmann and Harry Zachmann. He is also preceded in death by Martin and Gertie Susa, John and Gertie Susa, Catherine and Sylvester Barthel, Ed and Liz Susa, Ben and Marlys Susa, Dorothy and Kirk Green, Frank Michels, and Don Sartz. He is survived by his wife, Frances, of 68 years, sons Dave (Becky), Steve (Karol), Robert "Bob" (Sherry) Gerianne (Ty) Livingston, Bill (Donna), Jeanette (Doug) Higgins, Susan (Dave) Stevens, 18 grandchildren and 33 great grandchildren; Sister Alice Zachmann SSND, Cathy (Frank) Zachmann, Elaine (Harry) Zachmann, Clara (Frank) Michels, Marie and Don Nistler, Theresa (Don) Sartz and numerous nieces and nephews. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to St. John the Evangelist Greatest Need Endowment Fund (<https://www.catholicfoundationmt.org/endowments/parish/stjohn/>)



Paul Zachmann

July 7, 1928 - November 5, 2023





When Tomorrow Starts Without Me

When tomorrow starts without me
 And I'm not here to see
 If the sun should rise and find your eyes
 Are filled with tears for me
 I wish so much you wouldn't cry
 The way you did today
 While thinking of the many things
 We didn't get to say
 I know how much you love me
 As much as I love you
 And each time you think of me
 I know you'll miss me too
 But when tomorrow starts without me
 Please try to understand
 That an angel came and called my name
 And took me by the hand
 And said my place was ready
 In heaven far above
 And that I'd have to leave behind
 All those I dearly love
 But when I walked through Heaven's gate
 I felt so much at home
 When God looked down and smiled at me
 From His great golden throne
 He said this is eternity
 And all I promised you
 Today your life on earth is past
 But here it starts anew
 I promise no tomorrow
 For today will always last
 And since each day's the same way
 There's no longing for the past
 So when tomorrow starts without me
 Don't think we're far apart
 For every time you think of me
 I'm right here in your heart

Paul Zachmann

FUNERAL MASS

Monday, November 13, 2023 10:00 am
 St. John Catholic Church
 Baker, Montana

ROSARY & PRAYER VIGIL

Sunday, November 12, 2023 4:00 pm
 Stevenson Funeral Home
 Baker, Montana

CELEBRATING

Father Jolly Pathiyamoola
 Deacon Bill Zachmann
 Deacon Ron Zachmann

MUSICIANS

Debbie Varner
 Steve and Karol Zachmann

READERS

Paul's Granddaughters

MILITARY RITES

Baker American Legion

PALLBEARERS

Devin Zachmann	Ryan Stevens
Travis Zachmann	Bryon Higgins
Kamron Stevens	Aaron Zachmann

INTERMENT

St. John Cemetery
 Baker, Montana

ARRANGEMENTS BY

Stevenson Funeral Home
 Baker, Montana

*Lunch will be served at the
 Fallon County Fairgrounds Building
 following the graveside service.
 Everyone is welcome.*

