

Edward Frank Bitzan was born on May 31, 1921, on a farm in Millerville Township the son of Albert and Caroline (Ledermann) Bitzan. He attended District #25 for two years of grade school and graduated from 8th grade at District #72. Ed graduated from Brandon High School in 1940.

Edward served his country during World War II in the United States Army from 1942 - 1945 and was honorably discharged in December of 1945. After returning from the war he attended St. John's University and received a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Chemistry in 1950. Ed worked for the United States Dept of the Interior Bureau of Mines at Grand Forks, North Dakota, as a Chemist until 1982 when he retired. In 2009, he moved back to Minnesota and lived the past nine years at the Evansville Care Center.

In his spare time he enjoyed playing harmonica, playing cards, hunting, fishing, softball and attending basketball games. Ed loved to travel and took many trips all over the world.

He was a member of the Millerville American Legion and Knights of Columbus.

Ed died on Thursday, April 12, 2018 at the Prairie Ridge Hospital in Elbow Lake with Charlie and Bernadine at his side. He is survived by his sister, Bernadine Schiele; brother, Charles (Susan) Bitzan; in – laws: George Dorn, Carol (Hockert) Bitzan and several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents, brothers: Robert & James Bitzan; sisters: Margaret Schmidt, Irene Stariha, Dorothy Bitzan, Florence Dorn; brother-in-laws: Philip Schmidt & Leander Stariha, Wilfred Schiele.

In Memory of

Edward “Ed” Bitzan

May 31, 1921 † April 12, 2018

Parish Prayer Service

Thursday, April 19, 2018, 6:00 PM

Knights of Columbus Rosary

Thursday, April 19, 2018, 6:30 PM

Mass of Christian Burial

Our Lady of Seven Dolors Catholic Church

Millerville, Minnesota

Friday, April 20, 2018, 11:00 AM

Celebrant

Reverend Father Peter VanderWeyst

Casket Bearers

Joel Bitzan

Paul Dorn

Randy Dorn

Joseph Schmidt

David Schiele

Greg Schiele

Military Honors By

Millerville American Legion Post #527

Minnesota National Funeral Honor Guard

Burial

Our Lady of Seven Dolors Cemetery

Millerville, Minnesota

Arrangements

Anderson Funeral Home

Fisherman’s Prayer

God grant that I may

Live to fish,

Until my dying day,

And when it comes

To my last cast,

I then most humbly pray,

When in the Lord’s

Safe landing net,

I’m peacefully asleep,

That in his mercy I be judged,

As big enough to keep.