



1938-2023

Memorial Service for:

Roger Bentz

Celebration of Life for
Roger Bentz

December 9, 2023: Service at Elk River Lutheran, Elk River, MN

December 12, 2023: Service with Interment at

St. Paul's Cemetery, Truman, MN

Officiant: Rev. Anne Schaefer

PROCESSIONAL SONG

On Eagle's Wings

GATHERING

Pastor: Welcome in the name of Jesus, the Savior of the world. We are gathered to worship, to proclaim Christ crucified and risen, to remember before God our brother, Roger, to give thanks for his life, to commend him to our merciful redeemer, and to comfort one another in our grief.

THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

Pastor: All who are baptized into Christ have put on Christ. In his baptism, Roger was clothed with Christ. In the day of Christ's coming, he shall be clothed with glory.

ACCLAMATION

Pastor: Eternal God, maker of heaven and earth, who formed us from the dust of the earth, who by your breath gave us life, we glorify you.

All: We glorify you.

Pastor: Jesus Christ, the resurrection and the life, who suffered death for all humanity, who rose from the grave to open the way to eternal life, we praise you.

All: We praise you.

Pastor: Holy Spirit, author and giver of life, the comforter of all who sorrow, our sure confidence and everlasting hope, we worship you.

All: We worship you.

Pastor: To you, O blessed Trinity, be glory and honor, forever and ever.

All: Amen.

GREETING

Pastor: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

All: And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: Let us pray. Almighty God, source of all mercy and giver of comfort, graciously tend those who mourn, that, casting all their sorrow on you, they may know the consolation of your love; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

All: Amen.

WELCOME

REMEMBRANCES

MUSIC

Holy, Holy, Holy

SCRIPTURE READINGS

1 Corinthians 13:8-13

SERMON

Pastor Anne Schaefer

MUSIC

Precious Lord, Take My Hand

APOSTLES' CREED

Pastor: With the whole church, let us confess our faith.

**All: I believe in God the Father Almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died and was buried;
he descended to the dead.**

**On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body and the life everlasting.**

Amen.

PRAYER'S OF INTERCESSION

Pastor: ...God of mercy,

All: Hear our prayer.

LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come, thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven
Give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory,
forever and ever. Amen.

MUSIC

Amazing Grace

COMMENDATION

Pastor: Into your hands, O merciful Savior, we commend your servant Roger. Acknowledge, we humbly beseech you, a sheep of your own fold, a lamb of your own flock, a sinner of your own redeeming. Receive him into the arms of your mercy, into the blessed rest of everlasting peace, and into the glorious company of the saints in light. **All: Amen.**

BENEDICTION

Pastor: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy. The Lord look upon you with favor and grant you peace. In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, **All: Amen.**

RECESSIONAL SONG

Borning Cry

*Thank you for coming today to show your love and support for
Roger and his family.*

*Following the service you are invited to stay with the family
for cake and coffee.*



OBITUARY

Roger Bentz, age 85, passed away peacefully at home in Otsego, MN formerly of Truman, MN. Survived by wife Ann; children, Cindy (Jim) Wilhelmi, Jon (Jean) Bentz, Jim (Stephanie) Bentz; stepchildren, Kurt (Maria) Pipenhagen, Cathy (Barrie) Pipenhagen, Karen (Dan) Rgnonti; sister, Betty Christensen; brother, Allen (Elaine); 13 grandchildren and 6 great grandchildren. Preceded in death by first wife, Sherry; parents, Arthur and Irma and brother, Arnold.



Roger was Baptized and Confirmed at St Paul's Lutheran Church and attended 1st -8th grades there. High School 1st year at MLA in New Ulm and the next 3 at Southern School of Agriculture in Waseca. He married Sherry Lee Haeckel 9/14/1958. They raised three children Cindy, Jon, and Jim.

From 1956-1964, Roger was in the National Guard, as a Combat Infantry Engineer. He received the Outstanding Young Farmer Award in 1972.

August 25, 1990, Roger married Ann Pipenhagen and added three stepchildren Kurt, Cathy, and Karen. He was elected to the SWCD Board of Supervisors from 1994 to 2004. In 2003, he retired from farming in Truman and moved full time to Otsego and lived there until the Lord called him home.

Roger was an avid builder and he loved working with his hands. Driving equipment was a passion within him. He loved to travel, and the mountains of Colorado were his favorite. Roger loved helping others with building projects. He enjoyed learning about World War II as he was into the stories and eager to learn more about this war. His Faith was an important part of his life.

We love you and miss you dearly.