

Thomas Wilbur Bachand was born September 17, 1927 to Elmer Bachand and Anna (Lanouette) Bachand. He was the fifth of five children. He was born at home in Bear Butte Valley. He attended grade school at Volunteer Country School and then attended high school at St. Martin's Academy in Sturgis.

Following graduation, he continued ranching and farming with his dad. He married Jeanne Marie Cordes on Thanksgiving Day, November 26, 1953, and to this union, seven children were born.

They ranched, farmed, and raised their children one-half mile south of his childhood home. He often joked he made it one-half mile in his life.

He worked hard to provide for his family doing what he loved. His black Angus cattle were well fed and his green John Deere tractors were well maintained. His garden and fence rows were straight and evenly spaced. There was no cutting corners with anything Dad did. Any of us who worked alongside Dad had to know the language of hand signals and if you misinterpreted them, he would let you know. In fact, with Dad, you usually knew where he stood on things.

Along with working hard, he still found time to enjoy life. He loved hunting, entertaining New Year's Eve and Fourth of July parties, keg beer, and playing bridge and cribbage. He taught us all how to play cards and there was no letting us win just because we were learning- we had to earn it. He could play cribbage and count his cards right up to the end.

In 2005 they built a home in Sturgis and entered their retirement years. They remained active with church, cards, and Deadwood. In 2021 after Jeanne passed away, he entered Aspen Grove Assisted Living.

We are thankful for the lessons we learned from Dad. He was once described by one of his nieces as a great big teddy bear- a little gruff on the outside but soft on the inside. He had a great sense of humor which he kept until his very last days.

He is survived by his children, Pam (Jay) Livermont, Colleen (Gary) Heezen, Brett (Glenys) Bachand, Narcel (Clint) Clark, and Hallie (Brian) Budmayr; grandchildren, Hadley (Aspin) Livermont, Austin Livermont, Leah Peterson, Tyler (Natalie) Peterson, Krista (Brady) Menzel, Paxton (Kenzie) Bachand, Courtney (Chance) Uhrig, Garrett (Megan) Clark, Paige (Jaren) Beckman, Fallon (Alex) Hendricks, and Anthony Budmayr. He is also survived by 17 great-grandchildren and one great, great grandchild.

He is preceded in death by his parents, Elmer and Anna Bachand; wife, Jeanne; infant children; Thomas and Marcia; son-in-law Dan Peterson, and great granddaughter, Kaylee Teppo. He is also preceded in death by his siblings, Ambrose (Florence) Bachand, Arlene (Carl) Rossitto, James (Fran) Bachand, and Bernadette (Maurice) Ricard.

Thomas "Wilbur" Bachand, 97, passed away Wednesday, October 16, 2024, Sturgis, SD.

Condolences may be sent to the family at www.kinkadefunerals.com.

*The family invites you to join them for fellowship
and lunch at St. Francis Catholic Church, following the burial.
Thank you for your presence and condolences.*

In Loving Memory Of



Thomas Wilbur Bachand

September 17, 1927 ~ October 16, 2024

Edited Wilbur-isms
(as remembered by his kids and grandchildren)

Shut that door!

Shut that light off!

What kind of trouble have you been in lately?

You treat me like a mushroom, always keeping me in the dark.

I am 9/8th French.

Ohh,....Jeanne!

Don't ride the clutch!

Whoop, Whoop, Whoop!!

When did they let you out?"

What's so dang funny?

Hey you're an engineer right? I've got something for you to look at.

Make dang sure you check the oil before you take off!

I'd rather see you drink beer than pop with all that sugar in it.

Man, that kid has growed.

Man can they play the "pie-an-o"!

His side grin when he was being smart.

Cribbage sayings.....

Go... somewhere

There's more if you care to take them. (if you missed a point)

Is that the smallest you've got? (when you laid a two down)

Lay your damn _____ down (when he knew you were going to score points on what he played)

When you told him "See you later Dad" his response was always "I hope so!"

See you later Dad!!

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Born

September 17, 1927

Bear Butte Valley, South Dakota

Died

October 16, 2024

Sturgis, South Dakota

Mass of Christian Burial

Monday, October 21, 2024, 10:00 a.m.

St. Martin's Chapel

Sturgis, South Dakota

Celebrant

Father Timothy Castor

Musician

Erica Sowers

Readers

Brett Bachand

Narcel Clark

Musical Selections

"Be Thou My Vision" "Gift of Finest Wheat"

"I am the Bread of Life" "Ave Maria"

"Just a Closer Walk with Thee"

Pallbearers

Hadley Livermont Tyler Peterson

Austin Livermont Paxton Bachand

Garrett Clark Anthony Budmayr Dancy Peterson

Honorary Pallbearers

Shane Bachand Wayne Bachand

Jay Johnson Theissen Family

Final Resting Place

St. Aloysius Catholic Cemetery

Sturgis, South Dakota