

Luke Bachmeier was born to Lucas and Elizabeth (Werlinger) Bachmeier on June 25, 1931, in Vale, SD. He has no middle name and in his younger years he was known as Junior. The family lived in a farm outside Vale, SD where they raised sugar beets, until Luke was six years old. They moved to a farm a couple mile out of Newell, SD and continued to raise sugar beets. Luke started school in Newell and the family went to St. Mary's Catholic Church in Newell where Luke was an Altar Boy. When Luke was 14 years old the family moved to Sturgis and Luke continued school at St. Martin's School. He continued being an Altar Boy at St. Martin's and after school delivered the Rapid paper.

November of 1948, Luke joined the National Guards. The Guards were mobilized into active service on Sept 3, 1950. That fall Luke would have attended his last year of St. Martin's High School. After his stint in the active service of the Korean War he returned home June 23, 1952, and enrolled in school and finished his senior year, graduating in May, 1953. That year he worked a regular 8 hour shift every day after school at Deadwood Post Plant. After graduation he worked for Haley's Super Market in Sturgis. He has worked at several places including the railroad; Wakefield Construction; Driving truck delivering posts; as a carpenter's helper building the Ft. Meade Hospital; as a Security Guard at the Titan Missiles; and also, as a carpenter on the Minute Man Missiles. He had a part time milk delivery service while he worked for Bargain Barn grocery store; was a salesman for Twin City Fruit & Produce for more than ten years and bought their coffee business which he serviced for several more years. He was custodian at the new Bear Butte School and also for St. Francis Church.

He owned Main Street Deli until the building was no longer available and then finished his working career at Sooper Dooper.

He married Joan Daum on February 18, 1955, in Sturgis. To this union were born three boys and two girls who gave him 13 grandchildren and 9 great-grandchildren. Luke's children were important to him and he spent whatever time he had with them. It could be a monopoly game on Sunday afternoon or in the summer they would all be in the yard playing volleyball. Luke took his children deer hunting. He enjoyed going to their activities and being involved in whatever they did. A lot of evenings were spent playing cards either with the children or with relatives. The games of choice were pinochle, whist or the "family's" game "83". He is quite a competitive pinochle player. His hobbies were bowling and hunting.

Luke was involved with the Sturgis Motorcycle Rally for over 20 years. He started as a young man selling beer in the grand stand, and then continued working at concessions. In later years he had his own food concession stand downtown. He had a concession stand from 1975 until the time he closed the Deli in 1993. In 1990 the family had the first people who rented lawn space during the rally. That led to renting rooms in their home as well and continued until the house was sold in 2011. He worked at the St. Francis Church parking lot, renting out parking spaces from the time he closed the Deli until after he turned 85. Luke enjoyed all the people who rented space at their home, at the concession stand and at the parking lot.

He was always a volunteer. In the sixties when his boys were young, he was their Cubmaster. He joined the Jaycees in 1955. The Sturgis Knights of Columbus chartered in 1972 and he was one of the charter members and is still a lifetime member. He is also a life member of the VFW, and a member of the Sturgis Senior Citizens where he delivered meals for many years. He is also a charter member of the Sturgis & Meade County Historical Society and a member of the Germans from Russia Heritage Society. He was an active member of St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Church.

Luke Bachmeier, 88, of Sturgis, died very peacefully on November 29, 2019, at the Ft. Meade VA Hospice with his family at his side.

He is survived by his wife of 64 years Joan Daum Bachmeier; his children, son, John (Marie) Bachmeier and their children, Abigail and Dr. Keri Orstad (Matt) and grandchildren, Elizabeth, Christopher, and Alexander; son, Marc (Theresa) Bachmeier and their children, Lacie Davenport, Amber (Nathan) Beasley, and Joshua (Briana) Bachmeier and grandchildren, Gracie, Ellee, and Lyndee Davenport and Landon Bachmeier; son, James (Debbie) Bachmeier and their children, Nathan (Pei) Bachmeier, Jaime Bachmeier, and Jared Bachmeier and their grandson, Eli Bachmeier; daughter, Kristine (Joe) Engelhardt and their boys, Brian (Saphire) Engelhardt and Stephen Engelhardt; and daughter, Kathleen (Scott) Beehler and their children, Joe, Heidi (Dustin) Work, and Jeremy Beehler and granddaughter, Oakley Work.

Luke was preceded in death by his parents, three brothers, Michael, Raymond; and Joseph; five sisters; Cecelia Schatz, Ann Langan, JoAnn Griffie Johnson, Elizabeth Rapue, and Agnes Fulnecky.

Visitation will be Wednesday, December 4, 2019, from 4-6 pm with a rosary beginning at 6:00 pm at Kinkade Funeral Chapel in Sturgis.

Mass of Christian Burial will be 10:30 a.m. on Thursday, December 5, 2019, at St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Church with Father Timothy Castor officiating, with an interment to follow at St. Aloysius Cemetery.

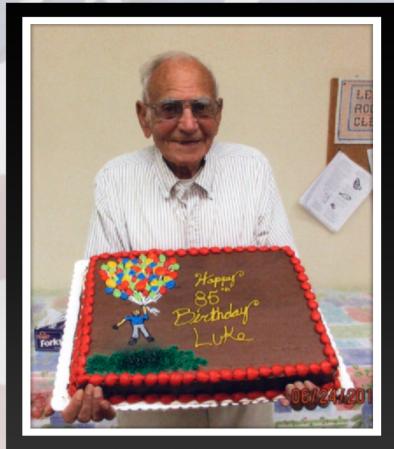
In lieu of flowers a memorial has been established for St. Aloysius Cemetery or to Cornerstone Rescue Mission.



In Loving Memory

Luke Bachmeier

June 25, 1931 ~ November 29, 2019



Jesus was dashing through heaven's Great Hall, when His Father asked Him where He was going in such a hurry. Only barely slowing down to respond to the question. Jesus turned slightly towards His Father and replied, "My friend Luke is on his way. His party is ready so I'm meeting him at the gate."

Condolences can be sent to www.kinkadefunerals.com

The family invites you to join them for fellowship and lunch in the church hall following the committal service. We thank you for your presence and condolences.

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Celebrant

Father Timothy Castor

Musicians

Dr. Barry Furze

Myron Volk

Songs

"You Are Mine" "Be Not Afraid"

"Just A Closer Walk With Thee"

"In The Garden" "Battle Hymn of the Republic"

Pallbearers

Joshua Bachmeier ~ Andrew Mathern ~ Matthew Orstad

Joseph Beehler ~ Jeremy Beehler ~ Dustin Work

Honorary Pallbearers

All Grandchildren

Military Honors

Sturgis Veteran's Honor Guard

Sturgis, South Dakota

Final Resting Place

St. Aloysius Cemetery

Sturgis, South Dakota