

Virgil Bernstein, 90, of Brookings, passed away on January 31, 2023, at The Neighborhoods at Brookview.

Virgil Becker Bernstein was born on March 19, 1932, to Fredrick and Helena (Becker) Bernstein in Oldham, South Dakota. Virgil grew up in the Oldham area, where he attended school. On September 23, 1961, Virgil was united in marriage to Selma Mortinsen in Oldham. The couple moved to Brookings in 1966, continuing to live in the same home until Virgil moved to assisted living. Selma passed away on October 17, 1992. He moved to The Neighborhoods of Brookview on February 2, 2016.

In his younger years, Virgil greatly enjoyed driving truck with his father and brother. Hauling loads across the country, Virgil was able to gain many experiences. He later used those experiences to tell family and friends stories of his many trips. Following an accident in the 60s, Virgil was no longer able to drive truck. He began working for the Brookings Public School District 5-1 as a school custodian. Virgil retired in June of 1996. He was a member of the AFSCME Local 1953 for a number of years.

Virgil will be remembered as a gentle, giving man by his family and friends. He loved to tell stories about his younger years and always made sure that his guests left with a little extra treat.

Virgil is survived by his nephews, Ron (Corrine) Hill, Randy (Glenda) Odegaard, Larry (Robin) Mortinsen. And nieces Betty (Sheldon) Stewart, Joan Cleveland, Bonnie Nelson, Mary (Dean) Nordseth, Karen (Paul) Heim, Barbara (Mike) Mullaney, and numerous extended family members.

He is preceded in death by his parents, Fredrick and Helena (Becker) Bernstein, his wife, Selma; siblings: Clarence Bernstein, Evangeline Hill, Grace Harms, Arlo Odegaard, Hope Bernstein; nephews and nieces: Wayne Odegaard, Gwedolyn Johnson, Gwen and Micheal Mortinsen.



In Loving Memory of
Virgil Bernstein
March 19, 1932 January 31, 2022

Funeral Service
1:30 P.M. Friday, February 3, 2023
First Lutheran Church
Brookings, South Dakota

Clergy
Pastor Trey Daum

Music
Mary Ermel—Accompanist
What A Friend We Have In Jesus
The Old Rugged Cross

Pallbearers
Jason Odegaard Shane Odegaard Justin Odegaard
Darron Nelson Shadron Nelson Jared Johnson
Andy Stewart Jacob Stewart Jon Stewart
Matt Clark Eric Scott

Interment
(Will Take Place in Spring of 2023)
St. Andreas Cemetery

*May the roads rise up to meet you,
May the wind be always at your back,
May the sun shine warm upon your face,
May the rains fall soft upon fields
And until we meet again
May God hold you in the palm of his
hand.*



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