

Gordon Herbert Berndt of Williston, ND, (formally of Fairview, MT) passed away peacefully on Aug. 23, 2020, in Billings, MT, after a yearlong battle with cancer. He was comforted at his passing by his son, daughter and their spouses at Sweetwater Assisted Living. St. John's Hospice was assisting with his care.

Gordon was born on Nov. 13, 1924, as the 11th of 13 children to his parents Gustav and Frederika (Senechal) Berndt on their farm north of Anamoose and Drake ND. He attended school at Round Lake School through the 8th grade.

Gordon arrived in Fairview in 1944 to visit sisters and soon found work at Thomas Service Station. He met Irene Henderson through her brothers. Gordon and Irene were married in 1945 at Irene's parents homeplace west of Fairview, which they later farmed. Their 3 children, Dennis, Gene, and Colleen were born during this time as well as infant daughter Wanda, who died at birth. Gordon started driving a school bus route while farming, as well as the activity trips, and continued for many years. He enjoyed the many students who rode during the years. Gordon and Irene were long time members of the Lonsdale Methodist Church in Sidney, MT.

The family moved to Fairview in 1961 and Gordon worked for Davidson Hardware and then started a long career with Cenex in Fairview and Sidney. He retired from Cenex in Sidney at age 81 after some 43 years. He enjoyed working with the many customers over the years and the fellow workers at both Fairview and Sidney. Gordon was an accomplished guitar player and took great pleasure playing in a local country band that performed at many venues across eastern Montana and western North Dakota. He also gave guitar lessons to local youth.

Gordon enjoyed gardening, reading, walking, feeding and talking to his local rabbits, squirrels and birds. He was always up for a good visit and laughs with friends and relatives, or sometimes strangers. Having a piece of pie, cake or any other dessert always made those visits extra special.

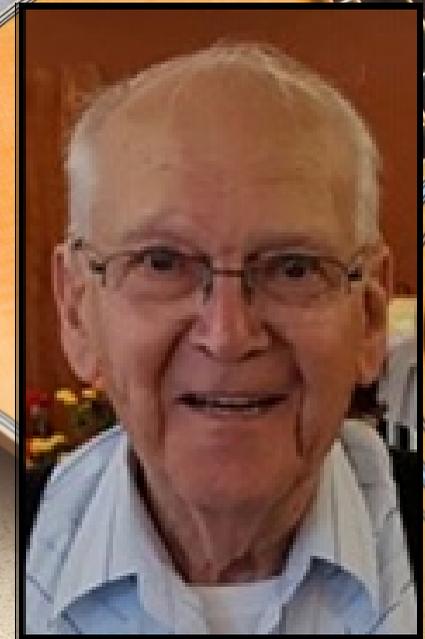
Irene passed away in 2010 and Gordon moved to Bethel Heritage Manor independent living in Williston. He found many new friends and always looked forward to working on puzzles, doing his walking and getting visits from friends and relatives.

Gordons greatest joy was being with family. The visits, gatherings big or small, holiday meals and special occasions with his children, grandkids, great grandkids, brothers, sisters' and in-laws families were always very special. Gordon had a great sense of humor and loved a good joke and laugh. They were always a part of his letters and phone calls. He lived a long, good life and will be greatly missed.

He is survived by his son Gene (Lenore) Berndt of Billings, daughter Colleen (Cal) Peterson, Williston; daughter in-law Barb Berndt, Helena, MT; grandchildren and great grandchildren Troy Berndt, Missoula, MT; Tracy (Jenna) Berndt and their daughters Braelynn and Ainsleigh, Missoula; Shayla (Rocky) Vaira and children Triston, Madison, Mya of Lithia, Florida; Brady (Megan) Berndt, Moorhead, MN; Laci (James) Hart, Gillette WY, and their children Gavin, Cooper, Kynli and Aria; Rayna (Erik) Jorgenson, Bainville, MT and children Jolee and Parker; Lance (Jessica) Berndt, Fargo, ND; Megan Berndt, Richmond, IN; sisters in-law Irlene (Walter) Berndt, Billings, Ethel (Skee) Berndt, Sidney; as well as numerous nieces and nephews.

Gordon was preceded in death by his wife of 65 years, Irene, his son Dennis in 2017, infant daughter Wanda, his parents, father and mother in-law Arthur and Jessie (Thomas) Henderson, brothers Rueben, Al, Walter, Leslie (Skee), and Russell; sisters Agnes Riedel, Grace Elliot, Ellie Johnson, Gladys Martin, Amy Smick, Ethel Berndt and Marcia Berndt.

The family would like to thank all of his doctors and nurses over the years, the staff at Sweetwater Assisted Living and St. Johns Hospice, and all of his friends and staff at Bethel Heritage Manor and his good friend Sally Melland, who helped with many things and provided good company.



Remembering
THE LIFE OF
Gordon H. Berndt

November 13, 1924 ~ August 23, 2020



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Born to Gustav & Frederika Berndt

November 13, 1924

Anamoose, North Dakota

Passed Away

August 23, 2020

Billings, Montana

Virtual Memorial Services

10:00AM Saturday September 19, 2020

Fulkerson-Stevenson Memorial Chapel

Sidney, Montana

Officiating

Pastor Sione Fungalei

Lonsdale Methodist Church

Final Resting Place

Sidney Cemetery~Sidney, Montana

Fulkerson
Stevenson
Funeral Homes

