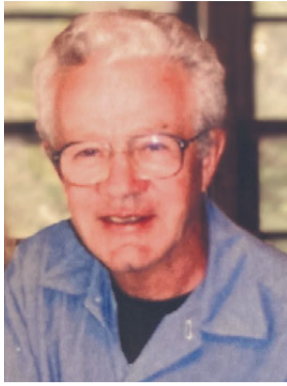


## Donald Vincent Weyers



Donald Vincent Weyers, 87, passed away peacefully at home on December 26, 2021 in Ajo, Arizona after a long battle with dementia.

Don was a beloved husband, father, grandfather, great-grandfather, teacher, mentor, lifelong Green Bay Packer fan, fisherman, rock-hound, woodsman, gardener and friend. His sparkling blue eyes, calm wisdom, corny dad jokes, boundless energy and adventurous spirit touched everyone he met.

Don was born on May 18th, 1934 in Kaukana, Wisconsin to the late Herman and Clara (Biese) Weyers. He graduated from St John High School in 1953 and served in the United States Army between 1955-1958 when he was honorably discharged. He received a Bachelors Degree in Mathematics from Saint Norbert College in 1960 and a Masters Degree from Bowling Green State University in 1964. It was at BGSU where he met his love, Gayle Ann Saelzler, and they married on June 8th, 1964.

Don taught mathematics at the University of Wisconsin-Superior for over 25 years while he and Gayle raised their 6 children on their Maple, Wisconsin farm. During that time, he also spent several summers working up in Alaska for Kemps Palucci Seafoods, and much of his spare time out in their Maple woods, harvesting pulp wood or Christmas trees to sell or putting up endless cords of firewood for the farmhouse. One of his favorite things to do was drive up to Canada with one of his fishing friends, and occasionally a kid or two. In 1990, Don and Gayle set off on their 'grand adventure' and moved to the United Arab Emirates where Don taught at the UAE University in Al Ain for 6 years.

After Don's retirement from teaching, they based themselves in Superior, Wisconsin but spent much of their time traveling around the country, visiting friends and family. Don especially enjoyed fishing from his little rowboat on Lake Minnesueing in Wisconsin and hiking and exploring the desert around Ajo, Arizona, where they eventually settled. In Ajo, Don and Gayle spent their time creating their beautiful Loma Bonita, serving with the Ajo Samaritans, volunteering at the Ajo Historical Museum and St Vincent Thrift Store, and providing a warm welcome to all who walked through their door.

Don is survived by his children, Becky (Keith) Stoneburner, Maria (Dave) Lockwood, Bill Weyers, Joe (Anita) Weyers, Molly (Jim) Kaczmarek, and Charlie (Cheryl) Weyers and his grandchildren, Jay Stoneburner, Melissa Stoneburner, Robyn (Garrett) Larson, Benjamin (Kristin) Waters, Luke Waters, Noah Waters, Jacklyn Lockwood, Devon Lockwood, Elizabeth (Alexander) Jatzo, Eilonwy Lockwood, Anthony Weyers, Lydia Fine-Weyers, Raven Fine-Weyers, Bess Kaczmarek, Michael Kaczmarek, Inara Weyers, Sterling Weyers, and Zoe Weyers, and his great-grandchildren Leonardo Jatzo and Easton Weyers. Don is also survived by his brothers Gordy (Dot) Weyers, Paul (Connie) Weyers and Joe (Ginny) Weyers and his sister, Carol Gutowski.

Don was preceded in death by his wife of 57 years, Gayle Saelzler Weyers, his brothers Dick Weyers, Ken Weyers and George Weyers, his sisters Elly Weber, Marilyn Vanden Wymelenberg and Marge Dorsey, his grandson Andrew Weyers, and numerous in-laws and relatives.

Don will be deeply missed by family, extended family, and friends in Ajo, Northern Wisconsin, the United Arab Emirates and around the world. There will be a Celebration of Life at the Weyers house in Ajo, Arizona in early 2022. Another Celebration of Life will be held in northern Wisconsin in summer 2022 and Don and Gayle's ashes will be interred together then at the Lake Nebagamon Cemetery.

## Renae A. Avestruz

Renae Ann (Staurseth) Avestruz, age 66 of Poplar, Wisconsin died peacefully on December 17, 2021 after a long and courageous battle with cancer.

Renae was born in Superior Wisconsin on April 9th, 1955.

She was preceded in death by her father Robert Staurseth and brother Gary Staurseth.

Renae is survived by her loving son and daughter-in-law Anthony and Destanie Avestruz and her two grandsons Dekker and Jaxon who were the light of her life. Renae is also survived by her mother, Nancy Staurseth; siblings, Brad (Jan) Staurseth, Cheryl (Jeff) Eliason, Brenda Staurseth, and Laurie (Dan) Porch as well as many nieces and nephews who adored their aunt Renae.

When Renae was faced with grave illness, she consistently stated "I know where I'm going." Celebration of her life and homegoing will be at Lakeside Baptist Church, 3176 Middle River Rd. South Range, WI 54874 on January 7th at 3:00 pm. Memorials preferred to the Anthony Barr Foundation "Raise the Barr" (raise the barr.org/giving) which supports education for single parent students and their children.

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## Stanley L. Wolf



Stanley L. Wolf, 77, of Superior and formerly of Wrenshall, died Tuesday, December 21, 2021, at Essentia St. Mary's Hospital in Duluth.

Stan was born in Carlton, MN on May 21, 1944, the son of Lyle and Janice (Eng) Wolf.

He was a Vietnam Veteran serving in the US Army. He had worked as a delivery driver for UPS for 30 years.

Stan was a founding member of the Black River Bandits and a lifetime member of the Cowboy Fast Draw Association. He was also a member of the Teamsters Union and the NRA. He enjoyed making knives, woodworking and watching the Minnesota Vikings.

He was preceded in death by his parents and brother-in-law, Don Jarvi.

Stan is survived by his siblings, Les Wolf of Wrenshall, MN, Janet Jarvi of Carlton, MN, Alan (Debra) Wolf of Carlton, MN, Tom (Kathy) Wolf of Eveleth, MN, and Randall (Kathy) Wolf of Wrenshall, MN; godson, Alex Hickok of Superior; and best friend, Collen (John Wicklund) Tuura; and several nieces and nephews.

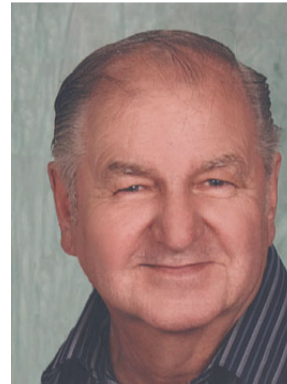
A celebration of Stan's Life will be held on Saturday, January 8, 2022 from Noon until 2:00 p.m. at Downs Funeral Home, 1617 N 19th St., Superior.

Burial will be in Greenwood Cemetery Veterans Memorial Park with military honors accorded by the Richard I. Bong American Legion Post #435.

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## William "Bill" J. Ross



William J. "Bill" Ross, 81, longtime resident of Amnicon Lake, WI, died peacefully, Tuesday, December 21, 2021, at his daughter's home with his loving wife, daughters and family by his side.

He was born in Superior, December 3, 1940, the son of Harry L. and Stella (Hoffman) Ross.

He graduated from East High School and took a drafting course at Superior Vocational School. He worked for the City of Superior for many years as Superintendent of Streets and as a heavy equipment operator.

Bill was united in marriage to Judith Ann Deneweth in Superior on August 10, 1963, and they celebrated fifty-eight years of marriage.

Bill and Judy are longtime residents of Lake Amnicon where Bill served as a board member for the Town of Summit for 11 years. He was also a longtime member of the Knights of Columbus Holy Assumption St. William's Family Council #7106.

Bill was a handyman and craftsman and was especially gifted in woodworking and welding. There wasn't anything he couldn't do! He especially enjoyed sharing his talent with friends and family and was known to create beautiful pieces of furniture for his wife and daughters, and many gifts he shared with the community. You name it, he could build it or fix it!

Above all, Bill was a loving husband, father, grandfather, and great-grandfather. He especially loved spending time with family and traveling with his beloved wife for her family reunions. He was also known for his kind nature and sense of humor and was lovingly referred to as the "second husband" to many of Judy's friends. Bill will be missed by all who knew him.

He is survived by his wife, Judy Ross, Superior, WI; daughters, Jillene Paulette (David) Johnson, and Shana Patrice Ross, both of Superior; grandchildren, Brian Michael (Hannah Wells) Johnson, and Victoria Angeline "Tori" Johnson; great-grandson, William Gerald "Will" Johnson; sister-in-law, Mary Ann Ross; and several nieces and nephews; his wife's uncle, Joseph Deneweth, with whom he had a special relationship; and other relatives and friends.

He is preceded in death by his brother, Harry L. Ross Jr., sister, Nadine Johnson, and his parents.

Visitation will begin at 10:00 AM on Tuesday, January 4, 2022 at St. William's Catholic Church, 3095 E. County Rd. B, Foxboro, WI, and will continue until the 11:00 AM Memorial Mass of Christian Burial with Rev. Fr. Andrew Ricci as celebrant.

Burial will be in St. Francis Cemetery at a later date.

The Lenroot-Maetzold Funeral Home, 1209 E. 5th Street, Superior, is assisting the family with arrangements. To leave a condolence or sign the guestbook, please visit our website at [www.lenroot-maetzold.com](http://www.lenroot-maetzold.com).

## Harry Benjamin Wester



Harry B. Wester, 85, of Bennett WI, passed away peacefully, Nov. 22, 2021, at St. Luke's Hospital, Duluth, MN, with his wife by his side. He was born March 7, 1936 at home, in Bennett, WI, the son of Ingvard and Ethel (Abel) Wester. He

graduated in 1953, from Solon Springs High School, after attending grades 1-9 at the Bennett School. Upon graduation and before induction into the U.S. Army, Harry took a job working for room and board on a farm in Wisconsin. He then moved to Owatonna, MN, working for Wenger Music and eventually ended up in Minneapolis. There he worked at Freeman Manufacturing and Spans, Inc, where he continued to work as a spray painter and moved on to become a welder and steel layout man. In 1958, he moved back to Bennett and was drafted into the Army that fall. His basic training was at Ft. Benning, GA after a short stay at Ft. Carson, CO. He was stationed in Germany for much of his time in the military and was discharged October, 1960 from active duty at Ft. Dix, NJ. Harry remained in the Army Reserve from 1960-1976. Upon discharge from active duty, he was employed by Clyde Iron Works in Duluth. On Sept. 23, 1961, Harry and Mary Edith Botten were united in marriage at St. Pius Catholic Church, in Solon Springs, WI. In the fall of 1963 they purchased the 80 acre farm which they still own and resided at until Harry's death. On Jan. 1, 1976, he and Mary bought the Texaco Gas Station from Clarence Stulen and Harry resigned from Clyde Iron Works. He partnered with his brother Vic and ran the station until the final sale of it in 1983. Harry worked as Maintenance and Transportation Director at Solon Springs School District from 1982 until his retirement in 1997.

Harry is survived by his wife of 60 years, Mary; son Curt; daughter Anne (Scott) Largent; Granddaughter's Kara Lathrop, Rebecca Wester, Brittney (Robert) Doroghazi, Jen Christianson; Grandson's Nick and Ryan Mays and Branden Largent; Brother's Phil (Carol) Wester, Vic (Doris) Wester; Sister Leota (Dave) Johnson; sister-in-law Marie (Don) Wester; and many nieces and nephews and several great grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his parents, Ingvard and Ethel, his brother Don and his sister and brother in law, Linda and John Ernst.

The funeral service will be held Saturday, Jan. 22nd at 1130 am, visitation prior at 1030am. Luncheon to follow. Service to be held at Hawthorne Assembly of God Church, Hawthorne WI. Honorary pallbearers Vic Wester, Phil Wester, Dave Johnson, John Rivers, Bryan Sutherland & Dave Maki. Burial at Bennett Cemetery in spring.

## Bradley Bartylla



Bradley Bartylla, 51, of Superior, WI died unexpectedly Thursday, December 16, 2021, in his home.

He was born in Duluth, MN on November 14, 1970, the son of Norman and Mary Jo (Olson) Bartylla.

Bradley graduated from Superior Senior High School, class of 1989. He was an avid sports fan with a special love of football and baseball. He was a loving son, brother, and uncle and will be dearly missed by all who knew him.

He is survived by his mother, Mary Jo Bartylla, Superior WI; brother Jason (Tricia) Bartylla, Champlain, MN; and his two nieces, Elizabeth and Katherine.

He is preceded in death by his father, Norman Bartylla.

Visitation will begin at 10:00 AM, Tuesday, January 4, 2022, at Zion Lutheran Church 2022 E 2nd Street, Superior, WI, and will continue until the 11:00 AM Memorial Service with Pastor Victor St. George officiating.

The Lenroot-Maetzold Funeral Home, 1209 E. 5th Street, Superior is assisting the family with arrangements. To find service times, leave a condolence or sign the guestbook, please visit [www.lenroot-maetzold.com](http://www.lenroot-maetzold.com).

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