



In Loving Memory Alvin Thorvald Barenthsen

Born to Thorvald & Louise Barenthsen

July 26, 1930

Stanley, North Dakota

Returned to His Heavenly Father

March 15, 2019

Mesa, Arizona

His Funeral Service

10:30 am, Saturday, April 13, 2019

Holy Cross Lutheran Church

Powers Lake, North Dakota

Officiating

Pastor Kayla Hill

Pallbearers

Samuel Barenthsen Chris Peterson

Jeff Busch Marty Jorgenson

Jeremy Bullinger Bryan Hall

Music

Jenna Kahly ~ Vocalist

Roberta Helseth ~ Accompanist

Final Resting Place

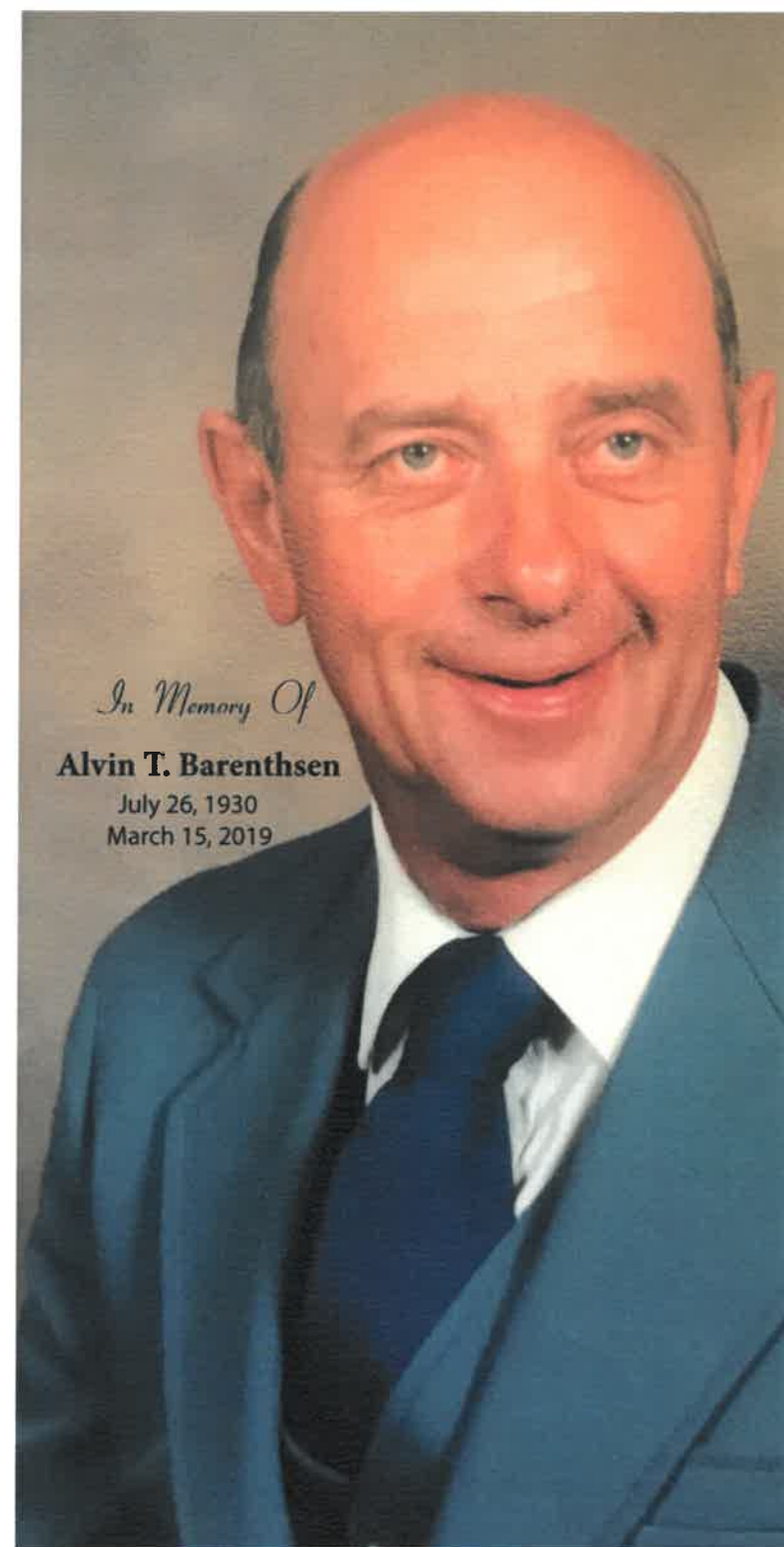
Bethel Lutheran Cemetery

Powers Lake, North Dakota

Arrangements By

Springan Stevenson Funeral Home

Stanley, North Dakota



Alvin Thorvald Barenthsen, 88, went home to be with the Lord on Friday, March 15, 2019.



Alvin was born July 26, 1930, in Stanley, ND to Thorvald Axel Barenthsen and Louise (Thomsen) Barenthsen. He grew up on the family homestead northeast of Powers Lake. Alvin attended country school in Garness Township through the 8th grade, attended Powers Lake High School and Wahpeton State School of Science. Alvin's mother, Louise, died when he was just 12 years old. His father later remarried Carla Holst.



Alvin was united in marriage to Bernice Skarphol on June 22, 1952 at Our Savior's Lutheran Church, McGregor, ND. Alvin and Bernice had five children. Alvin worked for Oil Field Service and later Amerada Hess while continuing his farming and ranch operation. He had many good stories and made lifelong friends during his years of employment at Amerada. He always made summer vacation time a priority and our family has many fond memories of those years.

Upon retirement he enjoyed working in his yard, raising a garden, and improving his shoreline property. He loved fishing and spending time teaching his grandchildren and great-grandchildren how to fish off his dock. This was often followed by a fillet lesson and a fish fry.



Alvin and Bernice enjoyed winters in their home in AZ and made many new friendships during these years. Alvin was a lifelong member of Holy Cross Lutheran Church, Powers Lake, ND.



He is survived by his beloved wife, Bernice, of 67 years; daughters Cynthia Peterson (Gary), Kathy Busch (Jeff); sons Mark Barenthsen (Kathy), Roger Barenthsen (Melissa). Eleven grandchildren; 22 great-grandchildren; sister, Harriette Jorgenson; brother-in-law, Harlan Skarphol (Fern); sister-in-law, Arlis Watterud (Marlyn); and numerous nieces and nephews.

Alvin was preceded in death by his mother, Louise (Thomsen) Barenthsen; his infant brother, Axel Barenthsen; his daughter, Kathleen Louise Barenthsen; his father, Thorvald Axel Barenthsen; his step-mother Carla (Holst) Barenthsen; sister, Lola (Barenthsen) Odden Haugen; his brothers-in-law, Ernest Odden, Cliff Jorgenson, Morris Foss, and Lloyd Haugen; his sister-in-law, Mavis (Skarphol) Foss and niece, Louise (Odden) Leintz.



Don't grieve for me, for now I'm free
 I'm following the path God laid for me.
 I took His hand when I heard Him call
 I turned my back and left it all I could not stay another day
To laugh, to love, to work or play
 Tasks left undone must stay that way
 I found that peace at the close of the day
 If my parting has left a void
 Then fill it with remembered *Joy*
 A friendship shared,
 a laugh, a kiss Ah, yes, these things I too will miss
 Be not burdened with times of sorrow
 I wish for you the sunshine of tomorrow
 My life has been full, I've savored much
 Good friends, good times, *a loved one's touch*
 Perhaps my time seemed all too brief
 Don't lengthen it now with undue grief
 Lift up your heart and share with me
 God wanted me now, He set me **FREE!**

