



Wilbert "Punch" Becker

November 6, 1940 - July 9, 2007

Wilbert "Punch" Becker, 66, Bismarck, died July 9, 2007, at St. Alexius Medical Center, Bismarck. Services will be held at 9:30 am on Thursday at United Church of Christ, Bismarck, with Rev. Heather Bodwell officiating. Burial will be in the North Dakota Veterans Cemetery, Mandan. There will be no visitation as cremation has taken place. Wilbert was born in Streeter, ND, on November 6, 1940, the son of Henry A. and Katherine "Katie" Lachenmeier Becker. After graduating from Streeter High School he enlisted in the US Army in order to serve his country. Upon his return to North Dakota in 1964 he began working for Wold Engineering formerly Skaar Engineering, where he worked for 43 years before retiring in May 2006. Following his retirement, he continued to work for Wold Engineering. Family was always the center of Punch's life. On April 24, 1965, Punch married his sweetheart, Dianne Becker, and they had two daughters. Punch's entire life revolved around love for his family and friends. He was an incredible loving husband, father, and friend. He will be missed dearly. Punch is survived by his wife, Dianne of Bismarck; two daughters, Shellayne and Heidi Becker; two brothers, Henry Elentina of Napoleon, ND, and Leonard Joann of Bismarck, ND; two sisters, Eldena Rau and Jean Cliff Wagner, both of Bismarck, ND; very special friends, Holly Beck and Billy Futrell; and many nieces and nephews. Punch was preceded in death by his parents; Katherine "Katie" and Henry Becker; four sisters, Agnes, Annie, Viola, and Alice; and two brothers, Roland and Emil.

Tribute Wall

MB

“ Dear Dianne and Daughters: We are so sorry to hear about Punch and heartfelt sympathy is extended to you. How wonderful that Punch was able to attend our reunion in Vegas a year ago. It was so good to see him once again. May your faith and trust in God sustain you at this time. We will be thinking about you on Thursday. Love to all of you. Max and Marillyn

Max and Marillyn Bradley - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

MB

“ Punch gave our family a wonderful gift by his presence at our Becker Family Reunion the last weekend in June. He will remain in our hearts forever, Mary

Mary Baumann - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

CR

“ Dianne and family: I am so sorry for your loss. You are in my thoughts and prayers.

Coreen Ryan - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

DE

“ Diane and Family Our sincere condolence on the loss of your Husband Wilbert "Punch" Becker. We wish you the best. Dianne keep the Faith and God Bless A Friend and Class mate David

David & Lucy Erbstoesser - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

JS

“ Diane & family, my thoughts and prayers go out to all of you in this sad time. Punch will be sadly missed by all of us in the construction world, he always brought with him a great sense of humor to the jobsite. God Bless you all in this time of need.

Jeffery Smith - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

CS

“ Diane and Family, It is always so difficult to lose someone you love. Hopefully you will find some comfort in knowing people are thinking of you, and the memories of the wonderful years together. You are in our thoughts and prayers in this difficult time.

Cheryl Schmidt - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

DW

“ Punch was the "greatest" land lord I ever had. He was always concerned that everything was okay with the apartment and that I was okay. It was an honor to live "under his roof". He watched over me like a Dad. Thanks for the precious memories.

Deb Will-Kovash - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

MR

“ I spent 4 summers working with Punch at Skaar engineering and I can say punch truly loved his work. I think he knew every back road in the central part of the state. He always enjoyed going to new jobs and would talk about the ones coming up next year and who would get the jobs, as he had his favorite counties and commissioners. He truly was a part of the county road history in the state and was part of most of county highways in Kidder, Stutsman, Mclean, Foster and Sheridan counties. So anytime time you drive on those secondary county highways and bridges you can think of him and give him a nod. Mike

Mike Rau - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

CD

“ Punch always had a hug for family. I enjoyed my last one on the Becker boat ride. Thanks for the memories.

Carmen Devney - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

ES

“ Shellayne, Our thoughts & prayers are with you at this time of great sorrow.

Elmer & Carol Schiermeister - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

KI

“ Punch will be dearly missed and my thoughts and prayers go out to his family.

Kent Indvik - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

JK

“ I was so sorry to hear of Punch's death, I missed seeing him at the buffalo supper in Streeter, Sheila told me of his illness at that time, he was always smiling and glad to visit when we saw one another, cherish his memory, God Bless, we were neighbors in the flatJo Vilhauer, Kaiser WishekND

jo Vilhauer kaiser - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

BG

“ We are so sorry to hear that Punch passed away. I have fond memories of him when we played together as children on the farm in Streeter.

Bonnie and Paul Gnad - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

MT

“ I'm very sorry to hear of Punch's passing on. I worked with Punch at Wold during the summer of 1999. We traveled across central ND doing surveys and inspections. He taught me a lot about surveying. We also had in common that we both came from Streeter. He was a good friend indeed, and I was always impressed at how many people knew Punch in every town we traveled to that summer, and how they all had much respect for him too. He was very well liked. I last saw Punch this spring, and as usual, he had time to visit for a while. I never imagined it would be the last I saw him. To me, he was a mentor and a great friend. My thoughts and prayers go out to you his family. Sincerely, Miriam

Miriam Tullis - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM