



Bohdan Bochan

July 17, 1943 - May 12, 2026

Bohdan Bochan passed away peacefully, surrounded by the love of his family, leaving behind a remarkable legacy of scholarship, teaching, faith, and devotion to those he cherished most.

Bohdan was born on July 17, 1943, in Haivoronka, Ukraine. At a young age, he immigrated with his family to Munich, Germany, where he spent his formative years. While studying in Rome, he met the love of his life, Ulana, and together they began a lifelong journey rooted in faith, learning, and family. Bohdan ultimately settled in Minneapolis, Minnesota, where he and Ulana were married on September 17, 1966, and where he proudly became a United States citizen.

Dedicated to education and intellectual pursuit, Bohdan attended the University of Minnesota, earning his Doctorate in Philosophy and Languages in 1977. His academic career began at Purdue University, where he served as an Assistant and later Associate Professor over the course of a decade. He later accepted a position as an Associate Professor specializing in German language studies. Through his passion for teaching, tireless scholarship, and deep commitment to his students, he quickly achieved tenure and the rank of Full Professor.

For more than three decades, Bohdan inspired countless students through his

teaching of German, philosophy, and numerous other languages. His love of learning, thoughtful mentorship, and engaging intellect left a lasting impression on generations of students and colleagues alike. His distinguished career culminated in the honor of becoming Emeritus Professor of German upon his retirement. Even after retirement, Bohdan remained actively engaged in language and philosophical circles, continuing to share his wisdom and curiosity with others.

Above all, Bohdan treasured his family. He is survived by his beloved wife, Ulana Kramarczuk Bochan, M.A.; his sons, Markian Roman Bochan, MD, PhD, FIDSA, and Danylo Michael Bochan, BA; his daughter-in-law, Angela Rena Bochan, BSN; and his cherished granddaughter, Elyse Julianna Bochan, BA.

Bohdan will be remembered for his brilliant mind, steadfast faith, generosity of spirit, and enduring dedication to education and culture. His influence will continue to live on through the many lives he touched as a teacher, mentor, colleague, and loving husband, father, and grandfather.

Visitation

Thursday, May 28, 2026

4:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

Washburn-McReavy Nokomis Park

1838 E. Minnehaha Parkway

Minneapolis, MN 55407

Burial Service

Friday, May 29, 2026

12:00 p.m.

St. Mary's Cemetery

4403 Chicago Ave

Minneapolis, MN 55407

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Holy Family Catholic Church Adopt a Student Ministry in memory of Bohdan Bochan.

Donations may be mailed to:

Holy Family Catholic Church

Attn: In Memory of Bohdan Bochan - Adopt a Student Ministry

129 West Daisy Lane

New Albany, IN 47150

Upcoming Events

Visitation

MAY **28**. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Nokomis Park Chapel
1838 E. Minnehaha Parkway
Minneapolis, MN 55407
(612) 721-1651
info@washburn-mcreavy.com

Graveside Service

MAY **29**. 12:00 PM - 12:30 PM (CT)

St. Mary's Catholic Cemetery (Mpls)
4403 Chicago Avenue
Minneapolis, MN 55407

Tribute Wall

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“ We love you, Mrs. Bochan! I'm so very sorry for this loss and thankful for the strength of your faith.

Bohdan was always kind of a mysterious, legendary figure to us students of yours. Even though we thought he was possibly a super spy, he obviously loved you and sweetly picked you up from school. We loved how he loved you, and were pretty sure he would use his spy powers for good. I remember one particular interaction with him: Shortly before taking the AP English exam, I had stayed after school with group of students for a study session and I ended up walking out of the building with you. As you got into his car, you called me over and told me he wanted to talk to me. You'd always indulged my love of languages and had taught me to count to ten in Ukrainian. Now, this mysterious husband of yours rolled down his window and said, "Nina. One to ten, in Ukrainian." I rattled it off (and I still can today!) He paused, looked me in the eyes and straight into my brain, seemed satisfied with what he saw there, nodded, and stated as indisputable fact, "You will do well."

Now, I know that counting to ten in Ukrainian is in fact not in any way a predictor of success on the AP English exam. I knew it then and I know that now. But in that instant, this nervous high school girl utterly believed him. I didn't necessarily believe in myself, but I knew he must be right, and I believed him!

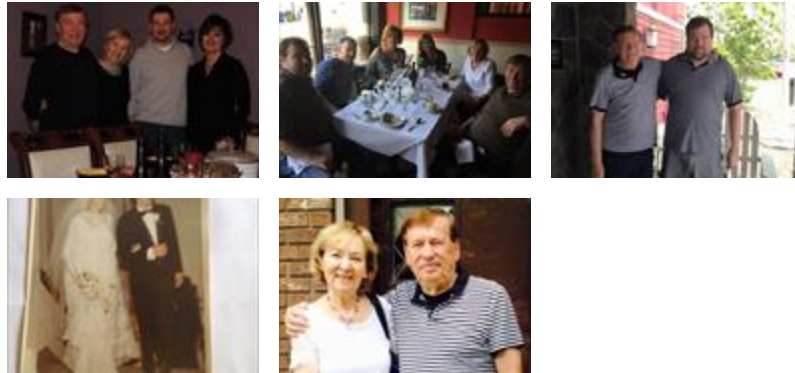
Turns out, he was right. As an educator himself, he probably knew I needed a vote of confidence to help me over the finish line. Also, it was just a smart move to bet on the results of his amazing wife's diligent work!

May he rest in peace and may you find peace in God's love. We love you!!!

Nina Gladson - May 22 at 11:19 PM

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“ 79 files added to the album Family Memories



Angela Bochan - May 22 at 05:19 PM

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“ The Krasnigor Family purchased the Sunny Memories for the family of Bohdan Bochan.



The Krasnigor Family - May 21 at 06:33 AM

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“ The Krasnigor Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Bohdan Bochan.

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