



## Gary Dean Bartz

April 7, 1944 - April 20, 2026

Bartz, Gary age 82 of Edina, passed away peacefully on April 20, 2026. Gary was preceded in death by grandson Nicholas James Pekarek, parents Dave and Selma Bartz, father and mother-in-law Marvin and Frances Jensen, and Grandma Shultz. SEP:SEP

He was born on Good Friday, April 7th, 1944 to Dave and Selma Bartz in Fairmont, Minnesota. He was baptized and confirmed at Zion Lutheran Church in Fraser Township. He attended parochial school in grades 1-7, then attended and graduated from Welcome High School in the spring of 1962. He worked for a local contractor right after high school until 1970. He married Elaine Schultz in 1963, had sons Dereck, Kevin, Craig, Wade, and Jason. He farmed, growing corn and soybeans and fed cattle until 1980. He entered treatment for alcohol in August of 1977 and has lived the AA way of life since. He was injured in a construction accident in 1981 and has had health issues since. He was divorced in 1988. He met and married Marilyn in 1989. She was and is the love of his life. They started their own business, One Handy Fellow in 2004 when they moved to the Twin Cities area.

He is blessed with the best customers. It is beyond imagination how they were blessed. He retired in 2020 but still likes to mess around with his saws and hammer. His life has had its ups and downs, but he is a very lucky person. Life has never been boring. Remember: He was a man with many flaws, a

simple country boy and then a resident of Edina, retiring there. Don't make me more than I was.

Gary is survived by his wife Marilyn Bartz, children Dereck Bartz (Chris), Kevin Bartz (Kathy), Craig Bartz (Wren), Wade Bartz (Gloria), Jason Bartz, step-kids Deb Pekarek (Jim), Jim Krautkremer (Jill), 8 grandchildren and 7 great grandchildren.

Memorial service will be held at 11AM with visitation one hour prior and lunch following on Monday, May 18th all at Normandale Lutheran Church, 6100 Normandale Rd, Edina 55436. Interested family and friends may process from the church to Lakewood Cemetery for burial after the lunch.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAY 18. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Normandale Lutheran Church  
6100 Normandale Road  
Edina, MN 55436

## Memorial Service

MAY 18. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall

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“ Bartz Family purchased the Rose Garden Heart for the family of Gary Dean Bartz.



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**Bartz Family** - May 16 at 08:14 PM

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“ Todd and Kim Steuber purchased the Serene Retreat for the family of Gary Dean Bartz.



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**Todd and Kim Steuber** - May 14 at 02:27 PM



“ Pretty Please was purchased for the family of Gary Dean Bartz.



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April 22 at 02:36 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Gary Dean Bartz.

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