



George Bendt

June 30, 1925 - September 9, 2025

George Bendt passed away peacefully on September 9, 2025, at the age of 100 years and 71 days.

George was born on June 30, 1925 in Grant County, Minnesota and grew up in the Benson area. He was baptized and confirmed in the Lutheran faith. He married Eileen Lund in 1948 and had 3 children.

He entered the US Navy in 1944 as a radio operator and served in the South Pacific on a Navy ship where he was in the invasion of Okinawa. After discharge, he worked for the Great Northern railroad as a telegrapher.

He joined the University of Minnesota as a police officer in 1955 and then joined the Minneapolis Police Dept in 1956 where he attained the rank of Lieutenant and then supervisor of the narcotics division for 20 years before retiring in 1981 after 25 years of service.

He then moved to the Nickerson, MN area and became active in snowmobiling and was a member of multiple snowmobile clubs. He also spent summers on his boat on the St Croix River near Prescott, Wi.

He was a life member of the VFW and the Cooties. He enjoyed snowmobiling, boating, fishing, hunting, camping & ATV'g. No matter where he was, he

always woke us all up by singing "Oh what a beautiful morning". He had multiple quotes like "Wonder what the poor people are doing" and " But look at the fun that we had".

He is preceded in death by the love of his life Eileen and son Raymond. He survived by his son Duane (Char) and daughter Sherry, 5 grandchildren and 8 great-children.

A Celebration of Life will be held on Saturday, November 1st at the VFW in Coon Rapids: 1919 Coon Rapids Blvd. Coon Rapids, MN 1:00-4:00pm