



## Jim Herman Bauman

January 20, 1927 - September 19, 2021

Jim Herman Bauman was promoted to his Heavenly home September 19, 2021 in Spokane, WA. On January 20, 1927, he and his twin brother Joe Henry, were born at home in Lake George, MN to Benjamin Franklin and Electa Calista (Fox) Bauman. Jim was raised on the family farm near Lake George. He attended school at Lake George through the 8th grade.

On May 5, 1949 he married Vera Elaine Anderson, the love of his life. They celebrated 70 years together before she passed away in 2019. He was a father to six children; Douglas (Jackie), Linda (Loren), Kathryn (Ross), a son who died in infancy and two foster children, Julie and David Anderson.

After Jim and Vera were married, they lived in Lake George where he worked in a saw mill. Jim worked in the Mesabi Iron Mine from 1952 to February 1954, then packed up the family and headed west. The family moved to the Mordhorst ranch near Wilson Creek, WA and he worked as a hired hand for Chris Mordhorst. In 1961, the family moved into the town of Wilson Creek where Jim took a job at the Grange Supply. After five years at the Grange, he signed on with the Grant County Road Department as a heavy equipment operator. He retired in March 1992 after 25 years, but returned to the County for an additional two summers.

Jim was the final living charter member of Grace Baptist Church in Wilson Creek, where he served faithfully for many years. If anyone in the community needed help, Jim was always ready to lend a hand, even volunteering with the local Fire Department.

Upon retirement, Jim and Vera bought a motorhome and traveled all over the U.S. and visited family and friends. Once traveling became too difficult, Jim spent time reading, doing word search puzzles and watching game shows on TV. Unfortunately, poor health forced Jim and Vera to sell their home in Wilson Creek and move to Coulee City, WA in 2016. A weekly highlight was lunch at the local senior center where he made many friends.

Jim will affectionately be remembered as the "old crank" because he was often found cranking an old ice cream maker. He was also fond of automobiles, and if anyone showed up with a new vehicle, you would find him with his head under the hood. Until his final day, Jim was smiling and teasing everyone that had the pleasure to meet him.

Jim was preceded in death by his wife Vera; parents Frank and Electa; siblings Dale, Albert, Joe, Benjamin, Mayabelle and Margaret; his son Douglas, foster daughter Julie; and grandson Ben. He is survived by his brother George and sister Grace; daughters Linda and Kathryn, foster son David; 14 grandchildren and 21 great grandchildren.

A Celebration of Life will be held for Jim October 23, 2021 at the Grace Baptist Church in Wilson Creek, WA at 1:00 PM. Memorials in his memory can be made to Grace Baptist Church, Wilson Creek Fire Department or the Coulee City Ambulance

# Cemetery Details

## Wilson Creek Cemetery

Wilson creek  
Wilson Creek, WA 98860

# Previous Events

## Reception

OCT **23**. 1:00 PM (PT)

Grace Baptist Church  
651 Sprague St  
Wilson Creek, WA 98860

# Tribute Wall



“ *We were sorry to hear about your loss. Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. Take care. The Kelby family.* ”

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**Ann Kelby** - September 29, 2021 at 07:43 PM