



Wayne Franklin Bunge

April 21, 1935 - July 19, 2021

Wayne Franklin Bunge was born on April 21, 1935 to Franklin and Hilda (Fruechte) Bunge, and was the youngest of four children. He was a lifelong resident of Spring Grove, MN and graduated from Spring Grove High School in 1953 as “Most Likely to Succeed.” On October 2, 1954 he married Marian Rostad at Faith Lutheran Church in Blackhammer, MN.

Wayne was a dairy farmer. Together with his wife, parents, and five children daily life revolved in and around the barn and with the Holstein cows. By 1979, Wayne had bought several other farms and Way Mar Farms Incorporated was formed. His children remember the many summer days, with the smell of fresh cut hay, wondering which field and which barn they would stack next. Around the dining room table was where Wayne gave the daily devotions and listened to the farm market reports. Wayne was a successful farmer and smart businessman. He liked to know the people he did Ag-business with and valued those relationships. Wayne believed that the work didn’t end when the sun goes down.

Wayne served on the Spring Grove School Board and was instrumental in establishing full day Kindergarten. He was also active on the Trinity Lutheran Church Council. He enjoyed reading, especially books about leaders and politicians. Spontaneously, during a long day of work or riding in the truck, Wayne would break out in song and make up words to a familiar tune.

On Monday, July 19, 2021, Wayne passed away peacefully at Gundersen Health Care Center in Spring Grove where he had resided for nine years. He coped with Parkinson's disease and a long journey of decline. Wayne was a morning person and it seems fitting that he died at 4:30 a.m., a familiar time to milk the cows and start a new day. What mattered most was Faith. Family. Farm.

Wayne is survived by his wife of 67 years, Marian; daughters Janet (Abid) Rangoonwala of Shoreview, MN, Karen (Scott) Bingham of Spring Grove, MN, Lynn (David) Susag of Lanesboro, MN, and son Don (Sara) Bunge of Eyota, MN; 8 grandchildren Anna (Michael) Yearous, Jonathan (Rachael) Rangoonwala, Aaron (Mariyah) Rangoonwala, Whitney Bingham, Sarah (Peter) Christensen, Michael (Jessie) Rangoonwala, Ben (Katy) Bunge and Erin Bunge; 6 great grandchildren Vivian, Elijah, Chloe Rey, Chloe Noor, Marcus and Ava; brother Wilfred Bunge; sister-in-laws Edith Johnson and Marilyn Bunge; and many nieces and nephews.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his son Dale Bunge; infant granddaughter Sari Bingham; sister Eleanor Schaub; brother Waldo Bunge; brother-in laws Amos Swenson, Bernhard Rostad, Bennie Rostad, Clarence Johnson and Stanley Schaub; sister-in laws Alma Swenson and Ruth Ann Bunge.

His funeral will take place at Trinity Lutheran Church in Spring Grove, MN on Saturday, July 24 at 11 a.m.

Burial will be in Trinity Lutheran Cemetery.

Pastor Elizabeth Hermeier and Pastor Lane Zaffke will officiate.

Visitation will begin at 10 a.m. Following the service, friends and family are invited to join for food and fellowship.

Cemetery Details

Trinity Lutheran Cemetery

Hwy 44
Spring Grove, MN 55974

Previous Events

Visitation

JUL 24. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Trinity Lutheran Church
203 E. Main St.
Spring Grove, MN 55974

Service

JUL 24. 11:00 AM (CT)

Trinity Lutheran Cemetery
Hwy 44
Spring Grove, MN 55974

Tribute Wall



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Wayne Franklin Bunge.* ”



July 23, 2021 at 11:39 PM

MR

“ Because I am overseas, I can't attend the funeral this Saturday. But by God's grace, I got to visit grandpa this June 25-27th. I had two great visits with him where he was awake, and grandpa was his classic self - making jokes. He gave me his signature wink that he has mastered over the decades. Even though he couldn't speak well, he still made a joke with his eyes. I told him, "Grandpa look at my biceps, I've been working out for Jessie." He responded by comically squinting his eyes as if he couldn't see any muscle haha Grandpa was funny till the end.

What I cherish most about grandpa is how much he loved us grandchildren, shown through his humor. I will always remember his winks, smiles, and playfully teasing grandma! One time he even spooked us grandchildren by taking his dentures out and smiling widely :) "Ewww grandpa" we all laughed. I also cherish playing Carroms board with him many a time. Somehow, his index finger worked magic as he sunk ring after ring. It was impossible to beat him at this game!

Grandpa, thank you for your lightheartedness to me. I'm glad that at the nursing home you sought prayer on your behalf and were humbled before the Lord. I trust you are in heaven and look forward to seeing you there one day.

Much love,
Michael Rangoonwala

~Country Flowers: I took a bike ride here in Germany when I heard the news of his passing. I live in the countryside, and I was soon surrounded by corn fields, wheat, and barley. I saw 2 deer, horses, and a tractor. It was the perfect environment to think fondly of these memories. These country flowers commemorate grandpa Wayne.



Michael Rangoonwala - July 23, 2021 at 04:14 PM

YR

“ Your grandson, Michael Rangoonwala purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Wayne Franklin Bunge.



Your grandson, Michael Rangoonwala - July 23, 2021 at 03:44 PM



“ Serene Reflections Bouquet was purchased for the family of Wayne Franklin Bunge.



July 22, 2021 at 10:58 PM



“ Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet was purchased for the family of Wayne Franklin Bunge.



July 22, 2021 at 08:38 PM

BS

“ I have very fond memories of Wayne. As a child, my brother and I would walk down the hill and spend the afternoon playing with Lynn and Don. While he was always working hard, there would be times that Wayne would come in for a break, and would sit at the kitchen table, while we all had some of Marian's cookies. He would tease and make us laugh, and that smile and that laugh will be how I will always remember him. It is a precious memory I shall hold close to my heart. May he rest in peace!

Bonnie Schmitz-Hrabak - July 22, 2021 at 09:02 AM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Wayne Franklin Bunge.



July 21, 2021 at 05:45 PM