

Alfred Hilton Betterley, Jr. was born November 1, 1930, a son of Alfred H. Betterley, Sr. and Cecile (Hutchinson) Betterley on the family farm located in El Paso Township of Pierce County, Wisconsin. He was raised on the family farm and graduated from Ellsworth High School in 1948.

Alfred married Irene P. Eckdahl August 30, 1952, in Stillwater, MN. They made their home on a farm near Stillwater where he worked as a herdsman on a large dairy farm. In 1956, they returned to the Betterley family farm in Wisconsin, and he had also worked at a sawmill as well. In 1957, they moved to Idaho, where he worked at Silver Mines. In 1959, they returned to the Betterley family farm where he farmed until the death of his parents in 1970. In 1971, they moved to North Dakota. They made their home at various cities throughout North Dakota due to his employment at Porter Bros. as a heavy equipment operator. In 1998, they made their home in Sawyer and have resided there since. He retired in 2006, due to ill health.

He enjoyed fishing, hunting, and yard work.

Surviving family includes: wife of 56 years, Irene, Sawyer; sons, Alfred Jeffrey (Paula) Betterley, Socorro, NM, Jonathan Wayne Betterley, Auburn, WA, Kenneth Matthew Paul Betterley, Velva, Clifford Dale Betterley, Sawyer, Jason Dean (Becky) Betterley, Whitefish, MT, and Dennis Jerome (Nancy) Betterley, West Fargo, ND; daughters, Phylliss Marie Welstad, Silver Bay, MN, Jeanne Louise (Cliff) Temple, Elgin, OK, and Sarah Anne (Dana) Summers, Minot; 16 grandchildren; 9 great-grandchildren; sisters, Virginia Mitchell, Athens, AL, and Carolyn Walker, Ellsworth, WI; and several nieces, nephews and cousins.

Alfred was preceded in death by his parents; son-in-law, Gene Welstad; and several brothers and sisters.