



*Children of the heav'nly Father  
Safely in his bosom gather;  
Nestling bird or star in heaven  
Such a refuge ne'er was given.*

*God his own doth tend and nourish,  
In his holy courts they flourish.  
From all evil things he spares them,  
In his mighty arms he bears them.*

*Neither life nor death shall ever  
From the Lord his children sever;  
Unto them his grace he showeth,  
And their sorrows all he knoweth.*

*Though he giveth or he taketh,  
God his children ne'er forsaketh;  
His the loving purpose solely  
To preserve them pure and holy.*

*Curt's casket was made by South Dakota Veterans...  
for South Dakota Veterans*

IN LOVING MEMORY OF  
*Curtis A. Hallberg*

WHO WAS BORN

January 3, 1925  
Stockholm, South Dakota

AND CALLED TO HIS ETERNAL HOME

August 28, 2019  
Milbank, South Dakota

FUNERAL SERVICE

Wednesday, September 4, 2019 - 11:00 a.m.  
Living Word Lutheran Church - Milbank, South Dakota

OFFICIANT

Pastor Kent Groethe

MUSICIANS

Dr. Nanci Van Peursem Philip Carlson  
The Miltones Cathy Albrecht Bev Hoefert Donna Bucher

CASKET BEARERS

Bert Bucher Brian Kluth Dane Hallberg  
Andrew Hallberg Craig Adams Alex Gulck  
Marty Hallberg Philip Carlson Steve Null

MILITARY HONORS

American Legion Birch-Miller Post #9  
V.F.W. Grant County Post #3486  
V.V.A. Northeast SD Chapter #1054  
D.A.V. Chapter #19

INTERMENT

Milbank City Cemetery  
Milbank, South Dakota

APPRECIATION

Curt's family is grateful for your attendance at this service.  
Your expressions of kindness and love are deeply appreciated.  
Following the interment, please join the family for lunch and  
fellowship in the Fellowship Hall.

ARRANGEMENTS BY

Mundwiler Funeral Home - Milbank, South Dakota

Curt, born on January 3, 1925, at the family farm near Stockholm, SD, was the fourth of five sons of Ephraim N. Hallberg and Ellen Marie Berg Hallberg. Curt was baptized and confirmed in the Lutheran faith at Tabor Lutheran Church in Strandburg, SD. Curt attended public schools in Grant County and graduated from Milbank High School in 1942. He was the last surviving member of his High School class. Curt was drafted into the Army near the end of World War II and was nearly completed with basic training when the war ended. The drill instructor told them, "Fellas, it's over, go on home". Well, it wasn't quite that easy. Curt proudly served a year and half in Occupation Forces Europe, serving in France and Germany. After his Army service, he returned to Grant County and spent the remainder of his life there.

Acting upon a dare from his buddies and brothers, he asked the pastor's daughter on a date. That relationship blossomed and he was united in marriage with Elaine Ruth Johnson on June 2, 1950, at Tabor Lutheran Church. To that marriage six children were born; Richard, Cecile, Renee', Daniel, Donna, and Ruth. He was proud of his children, grandchildren and great grandchildren and enjoyed visiting with them whenever possible. He was a member of Living Word Lutheran Church in Milbank.

He worked in Stockholm and Milbank in several jobs. He enjoyed playing baseball and softball in his younger years and was an avid Minnesota Twins fan. He was the Grant County Assessor for several years before becoming the business manager for the Milbank Public Schools. He took pleasure in knowing he signed all six of his children's high school diplomas as the business manager. After he retired from the school system, he went on to work part time for years for the Milbank Lions' Club public transportation bus as a driver. He became friends to all who rode with him and known as "Grandpa" to many young passengers. Curt was a 70 plus year member of the Birch-Miller Post 9 of the American Legion in Milbank and served that organization in many capacities. He spent many years and much effort trying to get the National American Legion to place an American Legion Baseball Hall of Fame in Milbank, the home of American Legion Baseball. He sang for many years with the Milbank Miltones Barbershop Chorus. He enjoyed singing at church and will be remembered for that joy. His favorite hymn is *Children of the Heavenly Father*. He had a gift of gab and was always able to find someone to visit with. He never met anyone he didn't know. On November 11, 2010, he went to Washington, DC with many other South Dakota WW II veterans and enjoyed many national memorials. When visiting the FDR Memorial, he proudly told his fellow veterans it was constructed with Grant County granite.

He is survived by his loving wife of 69 years, Elaine; his children: Richard (Sharon) Hallberg, Smyrna, GA; Cecile Cotner, Bentonville, AR; Renee' Noehre, Bentonville, AR; Daniel Hallberg, Napa, CA; Donna (Steven) Bucher, Plankinton, SD; and Ruth (David) Gulck, Milbank, SD. Also surviving him are his grandchildren: Dane (Marisa) Hallberg, Andrew (Sarah) Hallberg, Lainie (Craig) Adams, Hanna Noehre, Erin Noehre, Bert (Erin) Bucher, Ellen (Brian) Kluth, Alexander (Kelsey) Gulck, and Emelia Gulck; seven great grandchildren survive him: Arden Hallberg, Agnes Hallberg, Kirby Hallberg, Owen Many, Harper Many, Colin Adams, and Nathan Adams. He will be missed by his many cousins, nieces, nephews, and in-laws. He was preceded in death by his parents; son-in-law, Lee Cotner; and his brothers: Earle, Laverne, Milton, and John (all veterans of WWII and Korea).

