

Dad

*My Dad, my friend and guiding light,
A gift from God and in His sight.
You taught me by examples set,
With wisdom which was heaven sent.*

*Never judging, always fair,
Ever present, always there.
This sturdy rock and gentle soul,
A kinder man I'll never know...*

*Throughout the past and years we had,
I was so proud to call you "Dad."
In bursting pride you never knew,
Just how much love I had for you.*

*While God has willed that we must part,
We'll stay connected, heart to heart.
For He has smiled and said, "My Son,
Welcome home, a job well done."*



IN LOVING MEMORY OF

Donald Herman Schweer

WHO WAS BORN

January 1, 1933

Grant County, South Dakota

AND CALLED TO HIS ETERNAL HOME

February 20, 2020

Milbank, South Dakota

FUNERAL SERVICE

Wednesday, February 26, 2020 - 10:30 a.m.

Emanuel Lutheran Church

Milbank, South Dakota

OFFICIANT

Reverend Timothy Koch

MUSICIANS

Kristy Tostenson, Organist

Larry Tietjen, Vocalist

CASKET BEARERS

Austin Schweer | Jacob Meyer | Samuel Schweer

Justin Schweer | Kaden Schweer | Dwight Schweer

HONORARY BEARERS

Donald's Grandchildren and Great-Grandchildren

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

Donald'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 church dining room.

ARRANGEMENTS BY

Mundwiler Funeral Home - Milbank, South Dakota



Donald Herman Schweer was born on January 1, 1933, on the family farm in Grant County, SD. He was the son of Herman and Alma (Loeschke) Schweer and the oldest of six children. He was baptized and confirmed into the Lutheran faith on May 5, 1947. Donald attended country school in Alban Township until eighth grade. He then continued to help on the family farm. On May 18, 1954, he enlisted in the US Navy and served during the Korean Conflict era on the USS Randolph and USS Forrestal, the largest aircraft carrier at that time. On May 16, 1958, he was honorably discharged and was a recipient of the Good Conduct Medal and National Defense Service Medal.

While on leave during his time in the Navy, he was introduced to Mildred Agnes MacArthur by Donald's sister, Esther. Donald and Mildred began writing letters to each other. When he returned home, they were united in marriage on September 19, 1959, in Canby, MN. They were blessed with 55 years of marriage and "not bragging but" five children. Together, they moved to Albee, SD, where they remained until 1961, when they made their permanent home on a farm near Milbank, SD.

Donald was proud to be a farmer; he produced and sold milk to Valley Queen Cheese Factory for over 60 years and was a member of the Dairy Herd Improvement Association for over 40 years. He established Don-Mil-Dale Holsteins and performed the first bovine embryo transplant in Grant County. He enjoyed attending Holstein sales, crop shows, and plot tours. He also completed an auto-mechanic course offered through the G.I. Bill and could fix about anything.

Donald was an avid reader. He followed the Green Bay Packers and Minnesota Twins, and he looked forward to watching the games. He liked attending fish/bullhead fry gatherings and having coffee with the Hardee's group. Donald enjoyed hunting and fishing which created many memories. He was a member of the V.F.W. Grant County Post #3486.

Donald was a devout and faithful member of the Missouri Synod Lutheran Church and attended Emanuel Lutheran Church. He was a past member of the Lutheran Laymen's League and a listener of the Lutheran Hour. Donald will be remembered as a very honest and hardworking man. His family will also remember how he was a wonderful storyteller. He was very proud of his grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Donald is survived by his five children: Kevin Schweer of Milbank, SD; Randall (Diane) Schweer of Watertown, SD; Kathryn (David) Meyer of Ortonville, MN; Neil (Gaylene) Schweer of Minot, ND; and Richard (Michelle) Schweer of Milbank, SD; grandchildren: Nicole (Jesse) Morton; Justin Schweer, Joelle (Cameron) Weber, Maria (Jim) Collins, Ana (Salvador) Ruiz, Samuel Schweer, Elise Schweer, Elena Schweer, Elisabeth (Andrew Hentjes) Meyer, Jacob (Natasha) Meyer, Austin (Emily) Schweer, Bentley Schweer, Addie Weeks, Silas Weeks, Kendra Schweer, Kaden Schweer, and Kayla Schweer; great-grandchildren: Hadley Weber, Liam Weber, Ashton Weber, Prudence Ruiz, Charolette Schweer, Aubree Madsen, and Finley Morton, sisters: Evelyn Powell of Chamberlain, SD; and Dorothy Schweer of Boise, ID; and brother-in-law, Charles (Sharon) MacArthur of Zumbrota, MN.

He was preceded in death by his parents; wife, Mildred; siblings: Ervin (Carol) Schweer, Esther (Edward) Steltz; and Laverne (Kathleen) Schweer; and brothers-in-law: Arthur Powell, and Dick Cerino.

Donald will be dearly missed, and his memory will be cherished.

