



The Broken Chain

*We little knew that morning that
God was going to call your name,
In life we loved you dearly;
In death we do the same.*

*It broke our hearts to lose you,
You did not go alone.
For part of us went with you,
The day God called you home.
You left us peaceful memories,
Your love is still our guide,
And though we cannot see you,
You are always at our side.*

*Our family chain is broken,
And nothing seems the same,
But as God calls us one by one,
The chain will link again.*

In Loving Memory Of
Robert "Bob" Morse

October 21, 1923
Seneca, South Dakota

January 21, 2011
Pierre, South Dakota

SCRIPTURAL WAKE SERVICE:

7:00 p.m., Monday, January 24, 2011
St. Boniface Catholic Church ~ Seneca, South Dakota

MASS OF CHRISTIAN BURIAL:

10:30 a.m., Tuesday, January 25, 2011
St. Boniface Catholic Church ~ Seneca, South Dakota

OFFICIATING:

Fr. Jójí Itukulapati

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER: Dale Gutenkauf

LECTOR: Jean Gutenkauf

PLACING OF THE PALL: "Children"

OFFERTORY: "Grandchildren"

CASKETBEARERS:

Joel Filler	Don Liechti	Bob Rusch
Dale Gutenkauf	Doug Trefz	Ed Wheeler, Jr.

HONORARY CASKETBEARERS: All of Bob's Friends

MUSICIANS: Colleen Simon and Darlene Rusch

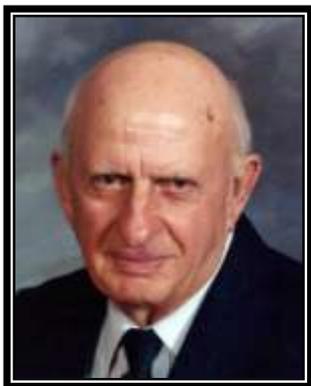
SONGS: "Amazing Grace" "On Eagle's Wings"
"I Have Loved You" "Song of Farewell" "How Great Thou Art"

INTERMENT:

St. Boniface Catholic Cemetery
Seneca, South Dakota
With Military Honors



Faulton, South Dakota
www.familyfuneralhome.net



Robert "Bob" Morse, 87, of Seneca, SD, passed away Friday, January 21, 2011 at Maryhouse in Pierre.

Robert Bruce Morse was born October 21, 1923, on the family farm at Seneca, SD to Earl Dunbar and Leta Muriel (Awde) Morse. He was the fifth of nine children born to them. Bob attended local grade school and went to Brookings Agricultural School to complete his high school education.

He and four of his brothers enlisted in WWII armed forces and all served their country at the same time. Bob felt the Marine Corps, in which he served, was the far superior. Leta

spent many hours in prayer watching out the kitchen window for the safe return of her men. Upon discharge from the service, Bob married Esther Schaefer in Hoven, SD on November 20, 1946. When he was a very young boy, he traveled to Hoven with his dad and told him "Someday I will marry a girl from this town". They continued to live and farm the land that the Morse Brothers (Carl and Earl) settled on in 1909. It was Bob's goal to see the 100 year anniversary; he faithfully farmed this land till he was beyond 85 years old. In 2009, Bob was the proud recipient of the Morse Century Farm award.

Bob loved his land; he was not a believer in big time farming, as was obvious by his equipment and methods. He was grateful for the earth God gave him and required little to survive. During the lean years, Bob and Esther incorporated a dairy herd to make ends meet, and Bob began a fertilizer/weed spraying service. These ventures provided for the four daughters born to them: Margaret Ann (John) Miller, Karen Marie Helke, Nadine Esther (Rodney) Peters, all of Pierre, SD and Janet Elaine (Wayne) VanderVorste of Ft. Pierre, SD.

Bob was active in The American Legion and was commander of the organization a number of years. He was a member of St. Boniface Catholic Church, a faith which he was not born into. During a bloody battle in WWII, Bob promised God if he was returned home safely he would spend the rest of his life practicing the Catholic faith.

Bob and Esther began snowbirding in Pharr, Texas. There they made many friends and enjoyed the winter, but always hurried back to South Dakota to "get into the fields". Another great love of Bob's was card playing and 'coffee time' at the Seneca Senior Citizens Center or the Seneca Fire Station, where he gathered with the guys for morning coffee and solving of world problems. His dry sense of humor will be remembered by many, his opinions on a number of subjects were never kept to himself.

Bob is survived by his 4 daughters; 2 sisters: Vera (Morse) Donlan of Illinois, LaVerne (Morse) Spangler of Faulkton, 2 brothers: Jonathon Morse of Kentucky and Camden Morse, Kansas; his cousin, Lois (Awde) Long of Sioux Falls; many nieces and nephews, one of whom has been a special person to Bob, Donald Liechti of Seneca. His help and concern for Bob and Esther can never be repaid. Survivors also include 5 grandchildren: Joel Christopher (Jessica) Filler, Pierre, SD, Adrienne Ann Miller/Jeff Taylor, Greeley, CO, Erica Leigh Miller (Tim) Noteboom, Spearfish, SD, Rachel Erin Filler (Eric) Bauer, Volga, SD and Erin Ashlee Miller, Mankato, MN; four great grandchildren: Jaden Briant Filler, Maple Jeann Taylor, Treighton Morse Noteboom and Zane Michael Noteboom.

Preceding him in death were his beloved wife, Esther; his parents; an infant sister; 3 brothers: Donald, Dale, Everard (Dutch) and one sister, Ethel (Morse) Liechti.

