



Kenneth Deiter, 91, of Faulkton, passed away Saturday, April 21, 2012 at the Faulkton Healthcare Center, surrounded by family and care takers.

Kenneth Elvin Deiter was delivered by Dr. Abby Jarvis at 4:00 a.m. in a farm house north of Faulkton on a -20 degree night on January 23, 1921. He was the first born child to Charlie and Gladys (Reed) Deiter. His childhood years were spent on the farm, also north of Faulkton, that would later be owned and operated by his brother Delmar. He graduated from Faulkton High School and worked with his father, Charlie, at the implement dealership established in 1939. He served in the military for three years during WW II during which time he served in Africa, Egypt and Italy. Upon returning from service to his country, he entered into business at the implement dealership.

He was united in marriage on April 14th, 1948 to Doris Matter, following a 4 month courtship. They owned and operated Deiter Implement until 1956 at which time the implement business was sold and they moved to the current location of "Deiter Farms". The original 640 acres was purchased for \$32 an acre and expanded to 6,560 acres under his direction. Kenneth and Doris retired back to Faulkton in 1987 building a new home back on their original location. He entered the Faulkton Healthcare center in April 2010 and received incredible care until the time of his passing. He was a long standing board member at FEM, a member of Our Saviors Lutheran Church, a member of the American Legion and Masons and a long-time supporter of Lakeside Country Club.

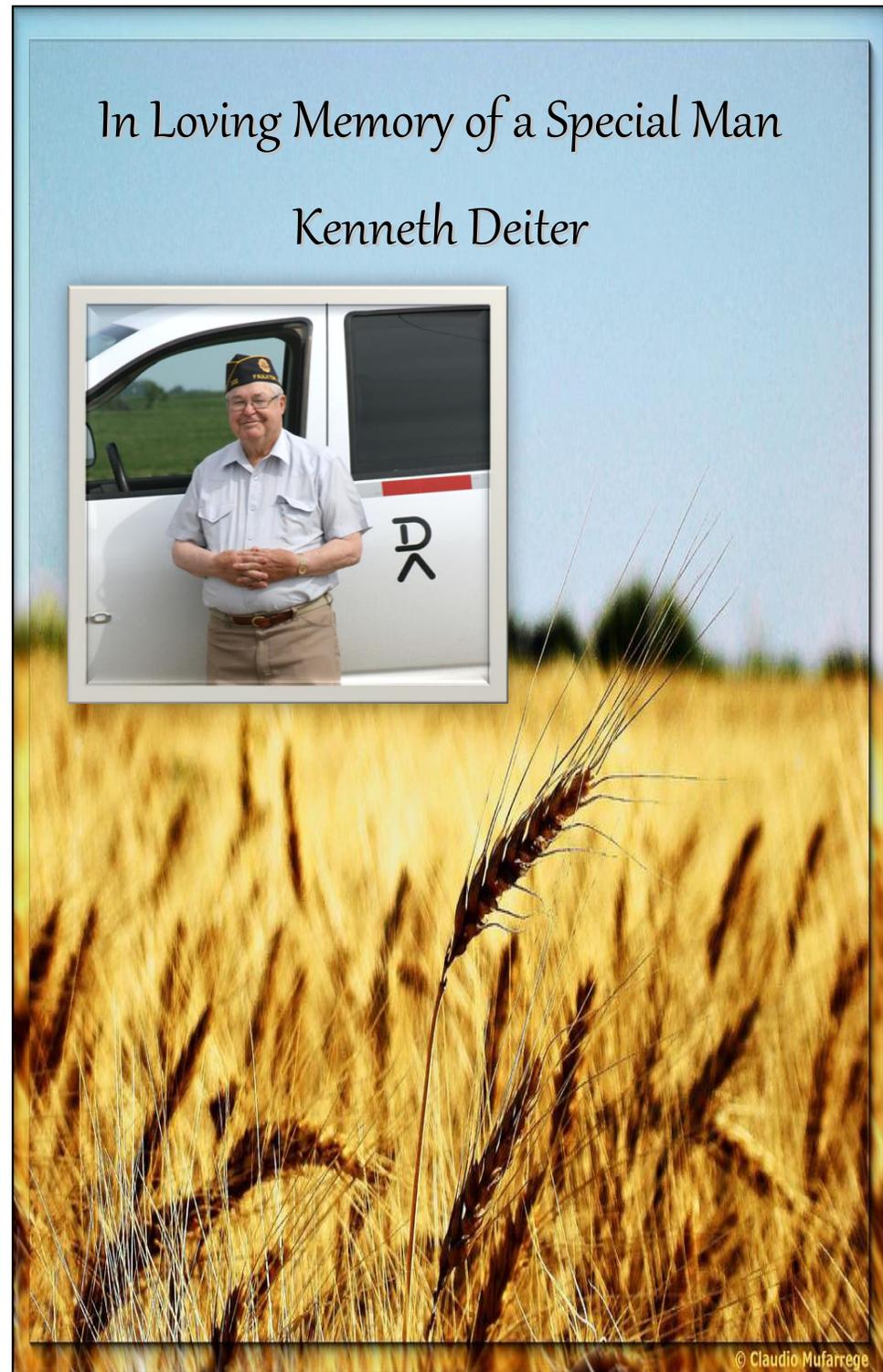
Kenneth had two brothers: Delmar (Loreve) Deiter, Doyle (Jean) Deiter and one sister, Arlene (Mort) Jarvis.

Out of respect for an incredible man, his entire family gathered to pay tribute during Easter two weeks ago, 52 in all. His four children: Barbara (Bill, Jr.) Schilder of Faulkton, Douglas (Sandy Michels) of Faulkton, Darlys (Jerry) Kolda of Rapid City and Roger (Beth Nelson) of Faulkton; Twelve Grandchildren: Nikki (Ryan) Melius; Heather (Beau) Wisness; Justin (Stevie) Schilder; Angie (Kent) Borstad; Kelly (Sam) Aesoph; Kevin (Carrie Huss) Deiter; Lindsay (Ryan) Martenson; Terra (Ty) Pevonka; Trisha (Greg) Rieffenberger; Travis Haan; Shauna Deiter and friend Zack Remily; Chelsea Deiter and friend Adam Odden; Twenty two Great Grandchildren: Morgan, Peyton, Addison and Spencer Melius; Amelia and Clara Wisness; Jacob William Schilder; Makenna, Madison and Trevor Boss; Jack, Alex, Isabelle and Anna Aesoph; Grace, Max and Kenly Martenson; Avery, Camryn and Charlie Deiter; Gabby and Madelyn Rieffenberger.

Kenneth was preceded in death by his wife; his parents; an infant brother; his brother, Doyle, a sister-in-law, Verna and a niece, Diane.

In Loving Memory of a Special Man

Kenneth Deiter



Losing parents is no easy row to hoe,
 But knowing they are back together is oh so nice to know,
 Dad was unique and special in so many a way,
 Admired by many, you hear people say,
 Deiter Impelement was the first stop after WW II
 where H's & M's he sold to many,
 Before settling back on the farm in about '57,
 The hired men were treated like family and with respect,
 To date, over a hundred, from the farm, have cashed a check,
 A quote to Bert Witte says a lot about dad and has made us all stronger,
 "The easy things we do right away,
 the impossible take just a little while longer",
 Family, machinery and his love for the land,
 Most certainly were most of what motivated this man,
 He didn't care for fishn' and golfn' wasn't his game,
 Takin' care of business is what consumed his brain,
 His "Thrill of Victory" was raising a big crop,
 And his "Agony of Defeat" were the years when he did not,
 Snoopy he was, bashful he was not, personal questions
 to perfect strangers was not uncommon, one after another,
 Until a jab in the ribs and a "KENNETH" was blurted out by mother,
 Helping around the house was not something he did on "any" day,
 As mom would simply say "Get the hell out of the way",
 His respect for Grandpa Charlie probably made him go faster,
 As on more than one occasion he reminded us he was "One tough bastard",
 The changes Dad has seen can boggle the mind,
 As he recites the names of the horses he walked behind,
 His mind was sharp and of his surroundings he missed nothing, your license
 plate number he probably knew,
 He could size up people in no time flat,
 and it was rare if his instincts didn't hold true,
 His smile, positive attitude and love for people was second to none,
 Seems to be a good lesson for the daughters and sons,
 So, now we go forward with the memories we have,
 Not forgetting to thank God for the parents we had.

--by Roger Deiter

Kenneth Elvin Deiter

January 23, 1921
Faulkton, South Dakota

April 21, 2012
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PRAYER SERVICE

7:00 p.m., Friday, April 27, 2012
Our Savior Lutheran Church
Faulkton, South Dakota

FUNERAL SERVICE

10:30 a.m., Saturday, April 28, 2012
Our Savior Lutheran Church
Faulkton, South Dakota

OFFICIATING

Pastor Tammy Craker

CASKETBEARERS

Darby Bowar	Darrell Carr	Steve Lesselyoung
Dave Lesselyoung	Roger Raethz	Clyde Hagen

HONORARY CASKETBEARERS

All the Employees who worked with Dad in the
Implement and on the Farm

USHERS

Tom Heller & Orin Melius

MUSICIANS

Beth Deiter, Phyllis Melius, Chris Hammond
Chelsea Deiter, Shauna Deiter

MUSICAL SELECTIONS

"Amazing Grace" – "The Lord's Prayer"
"How Great Thou Art"

INTERMENT

Faulkton Cemetery - Faulkton, South Dakota
With Military Honors

Arrangements Entrusted To



Faulkton, South Dakota
www.familyfuneralhome.net