



*God saw he was getting tired  
And a cure was not to be,  
So He put His arms around him  
And whispered "Come with me."*

*With tearful eyes  
We watched him suffer  
And saw him fade away  
Although we loved him dearly,  
We would not make him stay.*

*A golden heart stopped beating,  
Hard working hands to rest.  
God broke our hearts to prove to us  
He only takes the best.*



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*In Loving Memory Of*

# **Gary Wahlen**

January 19, 1940  
Faulkton, South Dakota

January 14, 2015  
Miller, South Dakota

**PRAYER SERVICE:**

7:00 p.m., Sunday, January 18, 2015  
Luce Funeral Home ~ Faulkton, South Dakota

**FUNERAL SERVICE:**

11:00 a.m., Monday, January 19, 2015  
Our Savior Lutheran Church ~ Faulkton, South Dakota

**OFFICIATING:** Rev. Timothy Koch

**CASKETBEARERS:**

Gene Traver	David Aasby
Michal Aasby	Cort Wahlen
Rick Wahlen	Bobby Lehman

**HONORARY CASKETBEARERS: "NIECES" & "GRANDCHILDREN"**

Kim Wahlen, Melody Jablonski, Yolanda Kingery,  
Nicole Van Bockern, Penny Lehman,  
Danielle & Jenna Weinkauf,  
Amber & Crystal Wahlen,  
Natalie, Sara & Damon McCloud

**USHERS:** Rick Knecht and Bill Clement

**ORGANIST:** Charlotte Barondeau

**HYMNS:**

"Old Rugged Cross" "Amazing Grace"  
"When the Roll is Called Up Yonder"

**INTERMENT:**

Millard Cemetery ~ Rural Faulkton, South Dakota  
With Military Honors

**Gary Wahlen**, 74, of Faulkton, passed away Wednesday, January 14, 2015 at the Avera Hand County Memorial Hospital, Miller.

Gary Dennis Wahlen was born to Nels and Ruth (Cooper) Wahlen on January 19, 1940 in Faulkton, SD. Gary enjoyed his life on the family farm in the Seneca area before making Faulkton his permanent home. He did take a position with the Army Corps of Engineers in Pierre for a short time where he developed a love for small engine repair which eventually became a hobby. Gary even took flying lessons during his time with the Corp which was one of his fondest memories. He loved going for coffee with friends and was known to be quite a softie if someone needed a ride somewhere. He was always up for a drive. Above all, Gary enjoyed spending time with his family who were indeed his pride and joy.

Gary's life will be cherished by Bonnie McCloud of Faulkton; his children: Lynette (Troy) Weinkauff of Rapid City, Dan (Rebecca) Wahlen of Pueblo, CO, Cory (Melissa) McCloud of Faulkton, and Kyle (Liza Thares) Wahlen of Aberdeen; his grandchildren: Danielle, Jenna, Amber, and Crystal Wahlen and Natalie, Sara, and Damon McCloud; his brother, Richard (Jean) Wahlen of Faulkton, and his sisters: Joyce Nelson of Flandreau and Sherry (Randy) Lehman of Le Mars, IA.

Gary was preceded in death by his parents; his sister, Shirley (Ardis) Aasby; his brother-in-law, Roger Nelson; and his nephew, Scott Lehman.

