



### *The Family Chain*



*If love could have saved you -*

*You would not have died.*

*If tears could bring you back*

*You'd be by our side.*

*It broke our hearts to lose you,*

*But you did not go alone;*

*For part of us went with you*

*The day God called you home.*

*God takes us one by one*

*And breaks the family chain.*

*But somewhere in a better land*

*Our chain will link again.*

*In Loving Memory of*

# *Joseph Nicholas Pfeifer*

*December 4, 1936  
Orient, South Dakota*

*February 24, 2020  
Miller, South Dakota*

#### **WAKE SERVICE:**

*7:00 p.m., Thursday, February 27, 2020  
St. Joseph Catholic Church ~ Orient, South Dakota*

#### **MASS OF CHRISTIAN BURIAL:**

*11:00 a.m., Friday, February 28, 2020  
St. Joseph Catholic Church ~ Orient, South Dakota*

#### **OFFICIATING:**

*Fr. Christopher Hughes and Fr. Tom Clement*

#### **CASKET BEARERS:**

*Rick Geist, Lynis "Chops" Reed, Kent Snow,  
Cory McCloud, Mark Schulte, Matt Schulte*

#### **ORGANIST:**

*Linda Bartholomew*

#### **SOLOIST:**

*Jerry Bowar*

#### **SONGS:**

*"Amazing Grace" "How Great Thou Art"  
"Go In Peace" "All is Well With My Soul"*

#### **INTERMENT:**

*St. Joseph Catholic Cemetery ~ Orient, South Dakota  
With Military Honors*

*Luce*  
FUNERAL HOME

Faulkton, South Dakota  
[www.familyfuneralhome.net](http://www.familyfuneralhome.net)

Joe Pfeifer, 83, of Orient, passed away Monday, February 24, 2020 at Good Samaritan Society in Miller.

Joseph Nicholas Pfeifer was born December 4, 1936 on the family farm near Orient, SD to Frank James and Helen Margaret (Jungwirth) Pfeifer. He attended rural country school and Orient High School. Following his education, Joe worked on area ranches before entering the United States Army. After his honorable discharge from the army, he attended cosmetology school.

Joe worked for Florian Selting for many years. He was united in marriage and moved to Miller where his first three children, Mike, Tom and Jodi were born. In 1965 they moved to Wisconsin where he worked in a factory and did some construction. Their last son Frank was born here. In 1974 they returned to Orient and operated Joe and Pat's Bar until 1979. Joe then started Pfeifer and Son, working alongside his son, Tom, until his retirement in 2015.

On May 7, 1988, Joe was united in marriage to Valeria "Val" Cotton in Orient. They lived in Orient and enjoyed traveling and spending time with family and friends.

Joe was a member of the Faulkton VFW Post, St. Joseph's Catholic Church, and the Knights of Columbus. For many years he provided military funeral honors to the area veterans. In his free time, he enjoyed hunting, fishing, building models, and spending time with his grandkids. Joe was proud of his many years of sobriety.

Joe's life will be remembered by his children: Mike Pfeifer of New Brighton, MN, Tom Pfeifer of Faulkton, Jodi (Tim) McCloud of Black Hawk, and Frank Pfeifer of Piedmont; step-children: Mark (Delilah) Cotton, Maurice (Carol) Cotton, Milton Cotton, Matt (Nikki) Cotton, and Marcia (Dave) Porter; grandchildren: Shawna Grieger, Drew Jensen, Crystal Pfeifer, Brandy McCloud and Speed McCloud; three great grandchildren; numerous step grandchildren and great grandchildren; brother: Edward (Shirley) Pfeifer of Miller; sisters: Dorothy Downing of Redfield, Mary Ann (Roger) Bent of Faulkton, Lucille (Les) Staufer of Watertown, Bobbi (Dick) Frank of Miller, and Rosie Hansen of Faulkton; sister-in-law: Sandy Pfeifer of Aurora, NE; and many other family members.

He was preceded in death by his parents; wife, Val; grandson, Shadoc Pfeifer; brothers: Vincent and Kenneth Pfeifer; and sisters: Esther Verbeck and Pearl Gerlach.

