

The Empty Chair

Time cannot heal the emptiness
Or fill the empty chair
The one that's in the family room
I see it empty there.

Or the chair that's at the table
Where together we would dine
Although I sit there still,
The only hands that pray are mine

Still, I give thanks to God each day
I pray this prayer comes true
You save an empty chair for me,
When I come home to you.



In Loving Memory Of

Richard E. "Dick" Bent

December 8, 1938

Miranda, South Dakota

February 13, 2022

Faulkton, South Dakota

WAKE SERVICE: 7:00 p.m., Thursday, February 17, 2022
St. Thomas the Apostle Catholic Church
Faulkton, South Dakota

ROSARY BY: Staci Aesoph

FUNERAL MASS: 10:30 a.m., Friday, February 18, 2022
St. Thomas the Apostle Catholic Church
Faulkton, South Dakota

OFFICIATING: Fr. Randy Phillips

LECTORS: Jordan Butler and Keeli Bent

MASS SERVERS: Simon Bowar and Philip Holsing

OFFERTORY: Heather Shoultz, Keeli and Chloe Bent

CASKET BEARERS: "Grandsons" Nick Bent, Spencer Shoultz, Tyler Shoultz, Jordan Butler, Tanner Butler, Braydon Fox, Max Bent, and Jude Bent

HONORARY CASKET BEARERS: "Granddaughters"

Heather Shoultz, Keeli Bent, Chloe Bent, and Kiya Hammill, Dick's Great Grandchildren, All who called him Uncle Dick, Longtime Friend Alan Kathner, KC Lumber Coffee Friends

ORGANIST: Linda Bartholomew

VOCALIST: Jerry Bowar

MUSIC: "Old Rugged Cross" "One Day at a Time"
"Servant Song" "Song of Farewell"
"Go Rest High on That Mountain"

Richard Edwin Bent was born December 8, 1938, in Miranda, SD to Arthur E. and Lena (Ickler) Bent. He attended Faulkton High School, graduating in 1956. Dick enlisted with the Army National Guard serving from 1957 until his honorable discharge in 1960.

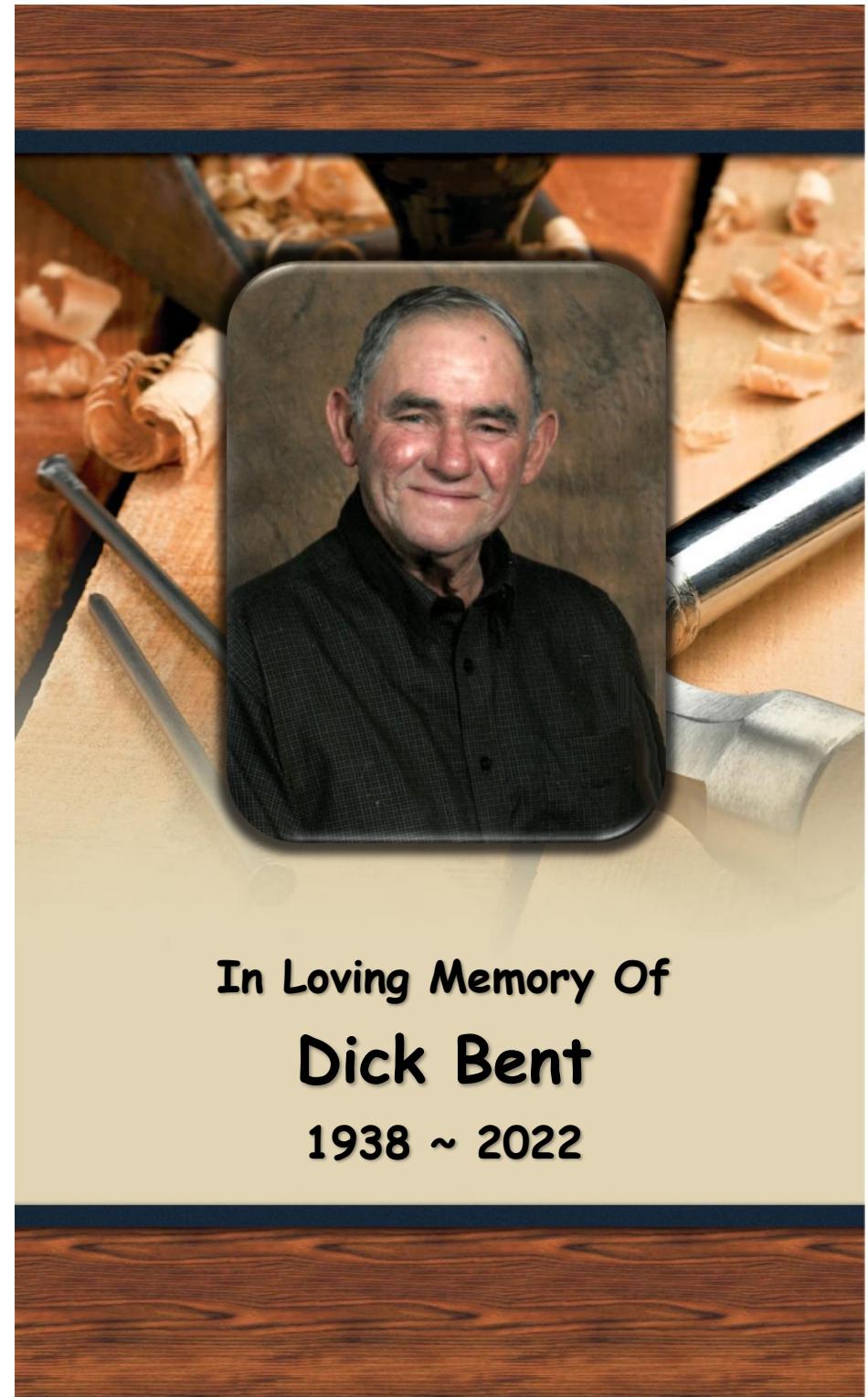
Dick was united in marriage to Joan Aesoph on September 26, 1960 at St. Thomas The Apostle Catholic Church in Faulkton. They moved to Aberdeen for a few years where Dick worked for South Dakota Park and Recreations. In 1962, they returned to Faulkton where they established their home and began raising their family. He and Joan assumed ownership along with operation of the Faulkton Cream Station, as well as continuing on with the state parks, covering the Faulkton Lake area until 1970.

Dick worked with Lenny Skillingstad through Miranda Lumber for a few years, learning his craft as a carpenter. In 1970, he started Bent Construction which he operated until 2010. Throughout his years, it is highly likely he has either worked on or given advice on close to every property in Faulkton. Dick loved sharing his knowledge of construction and would spend all the time needed to help others gain that knowledge.

After retiring from construction, Dick could always be found at KC Lumber. He was never shy to offer a helping hand at the lumber yard. Even a few days prior to his death, he was still receiving calls to ask his opinion on items that may be needed for a project. In what free time Dick had, the community could always find him drinking a cup of coffee or driving around town just checking out things that needed to be worked on. He also served many years on the Faulkton City council and enjoyed making rosaries from the golf balls he found while working in the state parks.

Dick's life will forever be cherished by his wife of 61 years, Joan; his children: Pam (Larry) Shoultz, Huron, Tina (Steven) Butler, Huron, Chad (Vicki) Bent, Aberdeen, and Christi Fox, Arizona; grandchildren: Nick Bent (Danelle Krueger), Heather Shoultz (Tanner Grohs), Spencer (Shauna) Shoultz, and Tyler Shoultz, Jordan (Christa) Butler, Tanner Butler, Keeli Bent (Blake Cwach), Max, Chloe, and Jude Bent, Kiya Hammill, and Braydon Fox; great-grandchildren: Kaleb, Ethan, Brandon, Delsie, Jaxon, Bristol, Benton, Sawyer, Sayler, Braxton, Ara, and Quinn; longtime friend, Alan Kathner; brother-in-law, Robert Meyer; sister-in-law, Maryann Bent; the loving Aesop Family; and numerous nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents; his siblings: Delores Ford, Donna Bent Schmidt, Charles Bent, Bonnie Meyer, and Roger Bent.



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