

In Loving Memory  
**Carl G. Stricherz**

April 29, 1946  
Codington Co., SD



July 10, 2024  
Faulkton, SD

**I'M FREE**

Don't grieve for me, for now I'm free,  
I'm following the path God has laid for me.  
I took His hand when I heard His call  
I turned my back and left it all.

I could not stay another day  
To laugh, to love, to work or play.  
Tasks left undone must stay that way.  
I found that peace at the close of the day.

If my parting has left a void,  
Then fill it with remembered joy.  
A friendship shared, a laugh, a kiss,  
Ah yes, these things I too will miss.

Be not burdened with times of sorrow.  
For I wish you the sunshine of tomorrow.  
My life has been full, I've savored much,  
Good friends, good times, a loved one's touch.

Perhaps my time seemed all too brief,  
Don't lengthen it now with undue grief.  
Lift up your hearts, and with me,  
God wanted me now, **HE SET ME FREE!**

**CELEBRATION OF LIFE SERVICE**

3:30 p.m., Sunday, July 14, 2024

Our Savior Lutheran Church  
Faulkton, South Dakota  
With Military Honors

**OFFICIATING**

Pastor LeShea Avery

**MUSICAL SELECTIONS**

"Amazing Grace"

"Three Stars"

"The Lord's Prayer"

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Burial will take place at a later date.  
Faulkton Cemetery  
Faulkton, South Dakota



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**Carl Stricherz** was born April 29, 1946, in Codington County, SD to Bart and Agnes (Lemler) Stricherz. The family lived near Waverly, SD until Carl was age seven. His father passed away and Agnes moved the family to Hoven, SD where he received his education. He graduated from Hoven High School in 1965 and then attended Metropolitan Community College at Omaha, NE where he received a certificate in autobody repair. Upon graduation, Carl returned to Hoven and went to work for Eddie Karst in Lowry before being drafted into the United States Army, serving in the Axillary division during the Vietnam War.

Upon his return to South Dakota, Carl moved to Faulkton where he worked for Fillbach Chevrolet doing auto body repair. In early 1973, he met Sally Horst of Selby. They dated for a short period and married on April 28, 1973, at St. John's Lutheran Church in Selby, SD. They made their home in Faulkton. In the late 1970's, Carl opened and operated Carl's Auto Body. He ran his business until the late 1990's when his health declined, and he retired due to disabilities he received from serving in the army.

During Carl's years of working, he enjoyed collecting antiques. He loved taking country drives to see what he could find of value. During the summer, he came alive and was known as South Dakota Carl. He would travel to California and spend his time selling his many finds and making friends wherever he would go. "Have Junk Will Travel" was on his business card, and he handed those out everywhere he went.

Carl also loved to enjoy life. While he was younger, many days were spent bareback riding at area rodeos. He also loved hunting pheasants, deer, snap turtles, and rattlesnakes. Many hours were spent fishing and gambling but most of all playing cards each and every chance he had. Even his last days on this earth were spent playing a tough game of pinochle, buck euchre, or poker.

Those left to cherish Carl's life include his wife, Sally of Faulkton; his children: Lori Wilcox (Roger Potter), Faulkton, Jeff (Jennie), Kansas City, MO, Melissa (David) Peck, Rapid City, and Jason, Faulkton; grandchildren: Carissa Wilcox, Amber Potter, Isabella, Emily, and Dalton Peck, and Kai and Koen Stricherz; in-laws: Terry Horst, Gillette, WY and Shirley Mitzel, Sioux City; life's confidant, Turner Hanson, Faulkton, and numerous nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents and one baby sister.

