

We believe a person's greatest possession is their dignity and that no calling bestows this more abundantly than farming.

We believe hard work and honest sweat are the building blocks of a person's character.

We believe that farming, despite its hardships and disappointments, is the most honest and honorable way a person can spend their days on this earth.

We believe that by our toil we are giving more to the world than we are taking from it, an honor that does not come to all people.

We believe when persons grow old and sum up their days, they should be able to stand tall and feel pride in the life they have lived.

We believe in farming because it makes all this possible.



Gettysburg, South Dakota
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In Loving Memory of

Gerald "Brick" Duncan

April 24, 1904
Springville, Iowa

May 2, 2011
Gettysburg, South Dakota

WAKE SERVICE:
7:30 p.m., Friday, May 6, 2011

MASS OF CHRISTIAN BURIAL:
10:30 a.m., Saturday, May 7, 2011

Sacred Heart Catholic Church ~ Gettysburg, South Dakota

OFFICIATING:
Fr. Jerry Kopel

ROSARY: Theresa Kirby & Evelyn McGough

LECTOR: Paul Oberlitner

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER: Mike Bohnenkamp

EULOGIST: Diane Geist

ALTAR SERVERS: Colten and Alyson Hageman

OFFERTORY: Rex Lower, Lynn Lower & Marty Eriksen

PLACING OF THE PALL: Great Grandchildren

CASKETBEARERS:
Marty Eriksen Lynn Lower Rex Lower
Dan Duncan Diane Geist Dave Duncan

HONORARY CASKETBEARERS:
Great Grandchildren and All of Brick's Friends

MUSICIANS: Judy Robbennolt & Lexie Vogel

SONGS: "Amazing Grace" "How Great Thou Art"
"Be Not Afraid" "Song of Farewell" "On Eagle's Wings"

INTERMENT:
St. Boniface Catholic Cemetery
Seneca, South Dakota

Gerald "Brick" Duncan, 107, of Gettysburg, passed away, Monday, May 2, 2011, at the Gettysburg Memorial Hospital.

Gerald Duncan was born to Budd and Anna (Wilder) Duncan at Springville, IA on April 24, 1904, one of four boys, and one being his twin. In March 1910 Brick moved with his family by emigrant train to Seneca, where they settled on a farm. Brick attended country school going through the 8th grade.

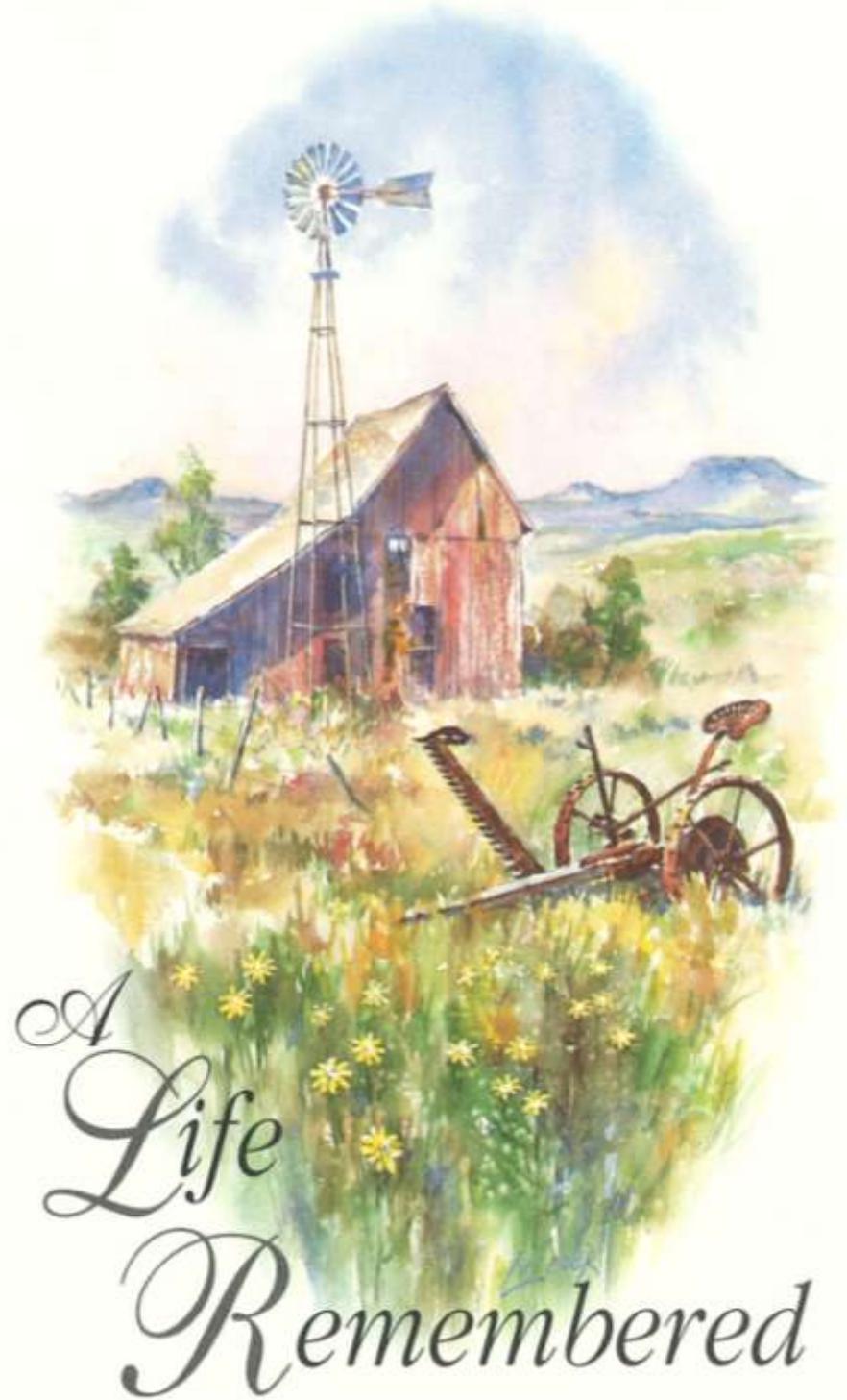
On February 22, 1927 Brick married Matilda "Tillie" Gross. To this union three children were born: Ruby, Mary and Raymond. Matilda passed away August 8, 1939. On June 24, 1952 he married Adeline Trefz Meservey. Adeline passed away December 28, 1964. On December 29, 1966 he married Inger Geist and she passed away February 10, 2006.

Brick's numerous occupations were farming, a WPA worker, milking cows and delivering milk and cream, trucker, hired hand on farms, janitor, maintenance worker, café owner and operator, painter, carpenter and gardener. He also loved doing puzzles, playing cards and bingo and was an avid reader. Brick was also very proud to serve as Parade Marshall for the Seneca Quasi-Centennial.

An Executive Proclamation was received by Governors M. Michael Rounds and Dennis Daugaard proclaiming April 24 as Gerald "Brick" Duncan day. Those proclamations were received on Brick's 100th and 107th birthdays.

Survivors include his children: Mary (Dale) Eriksen, Lebanon and Raymond Duncan of Lakeside, AZ; son-in-law: Jerry Peters of Gettysburg; step children: Phillip (Carol) Geist of Howe, TX, Annabelle (Larry) Conrad of Jasper, FL; step daughter-in-law: Gayle Geist Charron of Faulkton; grandchildren: Lynn Lower, Gettysburg, Rex Lower, Ft. Pierre and Marty (Carol) Eriksen of Presho; great grandchildren: Kylie, Skyler and Stetsen Eriksen of Presho, Jared Lower and special friend Ollie Nauman, Gettysburg, Alonna (Brent) Krueger, Minot, ND and Dustin (Megan) Lower, Lebanon; great-great grandchildren: Kerrigan and Jonas Krueger and Brooke Leigh Lower; 11 step grandchildren; 14 step great grandchildren; 13 step great-great grandchildren; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Brick was preceded in death by his parents; wives: Matilda Duncan, Adeline Duncan and Inger Duncan; daughter, Ruby Peters; three brothers: H.E. "Slim", Frank "Pat" and LeRoy "Mike" Duncan; son-in-law: Linden Lower; three stepchildren: Phyllis Weber, William and Glenn Geist Jr.; two step daughters-in-law: Ruth Duncan and Dorothy Geist; sister-in-law, Anna McLean.



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