



## In Loving Memory of Billy Potts

**Billy Gale Potts**, 80, died peacefully in his home in Gettysburg, SD surrounded by his family on February 4, 2012.

Billy was born February 27, 1931 on the Potts farm south of Lebanon to Bud and Dora (Smith) Potts and lived there until moving to Gettysburg, SD in August 1984. He graduated from 8th grade at Hillcrest Country School which was located just a half mile south of the farm. Billy started a gravel hauling business from the gravel pits located on the south part of the farm and even hauled dirt and gravel for the contractor while the Oahe Dam in Pierre, SD was being built.

November 29, 1953 he married Darlene Westphal of Agar at St. John's Lutheran Church in Agar, SD. Billy's parents moved to Gettysburg and at that time Billy and Darlene settled into the farm house south of Lebanon. He milked cows, raised cattle, hogs and sheep as well as farming and continued to haul gravel as a business. Billy was baptized and confirmed in Lebanon, SD on May 21, 1961. He was active in the Lutheran church his entire life and has served as Deacon, Council Secretary and Vice President at Christ Lutheran Church in Lebanon. Every Saturday night, the whole family would gather at Billy's mothers, Dora's and enjoyed a family meal together. On Sunday mornings, the family traveled to Lebanon to attend church and Sunday school. Most every Sunday evening, Billy, Darlene and the four kids enjoyed the evening roller skating in Lebanon. He was a very loving and caring husband and father. Billy was active in competitive shooting and had won various awards through the years.

In August of 1984 Billy and Darlene built a new home in Gettysburg and Lonny stayed on the farm and continued with the farming operation. Billy helped out with the farming even this last summer and fall. He loved to play cards on his computer and also downtown with the guys and would meet up with them in the mornings to drink coffee. Billy enjoyed hunting pheasant, ducks and deer. Billy usually had a joke or two to share with family and friends.

To this union they were blessed with four children: Lonny, Randy, Diane and Tim were born.

Billy is survived by his wife, Darlene; children: Lonny of Gettysburg and (girlfriend Patti of Ontario, Canada), Randy (Angela) of Atlanta, Georgia, Diane Potts of Rochester, MN, and Tim (Marcia) of Sturgis, SD; grandchildren: Brady of Aberdeen, Mariah of Gettysburg, JJ, Christopher, and Cathy of Atlanta, GA and Casey of Tennessee, Trevor and Tera of Brookings; great grandson: Carter of Aberdeen; nephews: Gary (DeeAnn) Glodt of Upton, WY, Patrick Ratliffe, Robert and Connie Ratliffe of California.

Billy was preceded in death by his father J.W. "Bud" and Mother Dora; brother, James Wesley and sister, Shirley.

## The Farmer's Creed

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.

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February 27, 1931  
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**PRAYER SERVICE:** 7:00 p.m., Tuesday, February 7, 2012, Christ Lutheran Church - Lebanon, South Dakota

**OFFICIATING:** Randy Potts, DCE

**USHERS:** Ron Dahlquist and Michael Hobert

**CELEBRATION OF LIFE SERVICES:** 10:30 a.m., Wednesday, February 8, 2012  
Emmanuel Lutheran Church - Gettysburg, South Dakota

**OFFICIATING:** Pastor Daniel Tews

**USHERS:** Rudy Jacobs and Tom Penrod

Lonny Potts  
Brady Potts

**CASKETBEARERS:**

Randy Potts  
Gary Glodt

Tim Potts  
Trevor Potts

**HONORARY CASKETBEARERS:** All of Billy's Many Friends

**ORGANIST:** Marlys Hinckley

**VOCALIST:** Sarah Sue Tanner  
"On Eagle's Wings" "Nearer My God to Thee"

**CONGREGATIONAL HYMNS:** "How Great Thou Art" "Amazing Grace"

**INTERMENT:** Gettysburg Cemetery, Gettysburg, South Dakota