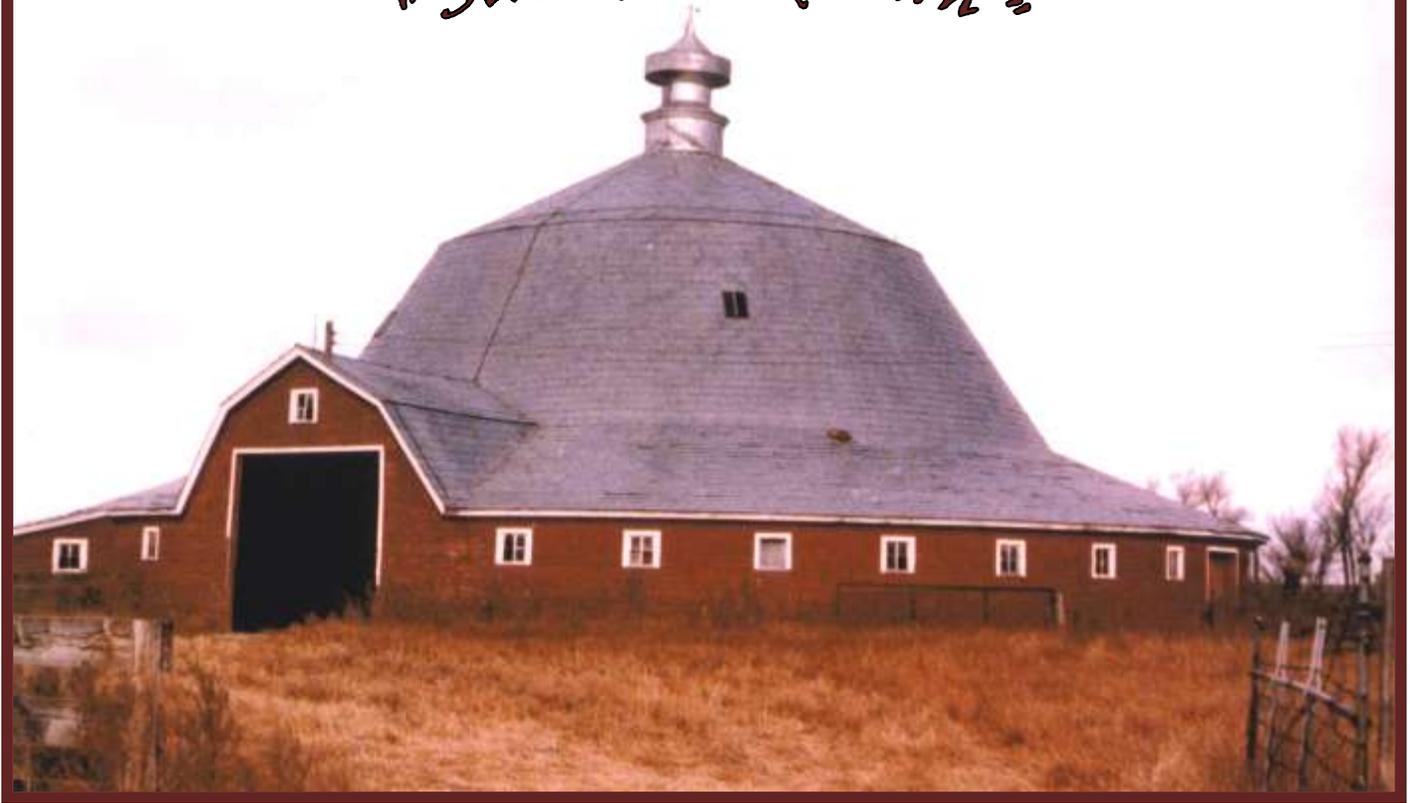


"Sloat Round Barn"



Charles Gene Sloat was born April 5, 1925 in Gettysburg to Charles Benjamin and Alma (Stocker) Sloat. He attended country school and graduated from Gettysburg High School in 1943.

Gene farmed and ranched the Sloat Angus Ranch from 1946 until 1983. He was one of the largest Angus breeders in the U.S. during the 1950's/1980's.

In 1947, Gene married Dorothy Fransen in Gettysburg and to this union five children were born.

Gene opened the Westside Antiques and Furniture Restoration Business in 1975, which he operated until 2012.

On December 15, 1987, Gene was united in marriage to Silvia Beringer in Ft. Pierre. She joined him in the antique business.

Gene's hobbies included collecting antiques, firearms, coins and duck decoys. He was an avid hunter, trapper and hunting guide. Gene belonged to the S.D. Farm Bureau Federation, served as a school board member for Lowell Township, was a Gettysburg Methodist Church board of director, Sunday school superintendant and teacher, and a member of the church choir. Gene was also an active member in the Republican Party serving as a delegate to the State Republican Convention.

Gene's life will be cherished by his wife Silvia of Gettysburg; his children: Dan (Deb) Sloat of Helena, MT, Judy (Frank) Pearman of Babson Park, FL, Gail (Ron) Larson of Gettysburg, Carol (Jim) Zimmerman of Olivia, TX, and Connie Loewenberg (Bill St. Clair) of Sioux Falls, SD; 10 grandchildren; 26 great grandchildren; one great-great granddaughter; four step sons; four step grandchildren and one sister, Fay Bice of Rapid City.

He was preceded in death by his parents; one sister, Veda Mueller; brothers-in-law, Al Mueller and Stan Bice and many aunts and uncles.



*Do not stand at my grave and weep
I am not there....I do not sleep.
I am a thousand winds that blow
I am a diamond glint on snow
I am the sunlight on ripened grain
I am the gentle autumn rain.*

*When you awake in the morning hush
I am the swift uplifting rush
Of quiet birds in circling flight
I am the soft starshine at night.
Do not stand at my grave and cry
I am not there....I did not die.*

In Loving Memory Of

Gene Sloat

April 5, 1925
Gettysburg, South Dakota

September 11, 2013
Gettysburg, South Dakota

PRAYER SERVICE: 7:30 p.m., Monday, September 16, 2013
United Methodist Church ~ Gettysburg, South Dakota

MEMORIAL SERVICE: 10:30 a.m., Tuesday, September 17, 2013
United Methodist Church ~ Gettysburg, South Dakota

OFFICIATING: Pastor Jeff Adel

USHER: Marvin Haag

PIANIST: Marlys Maize

CONGREGATIONAL HYMN: "In the Garden"

SPECIAL MUSIC: Gail Larson ~ "Ben-Hur Chariot Race"

Melanie Zeeman ~ "One Friend" (This song is dedicated to Gene by Silvia.)

Wheatland Singers of the Gettysburg United Methodist Church ~ "I'll Fly Away Medley"

Doug Larson & Melanie Zeeman ~ "It is Well With My Soul"

INURNMENT:

Gettysburg Cemetery ~ Gettysburg, South Dakota