

## RACER'S PRAYER

Most gracious Lord, we thank you for  
the opportunity to enjoy stock car racing.  
We thank you for the support of racing families.

We thank you for the many friends  
we have made through racing.

Lord, we ask that you be with the pit crews,  
give them encouragement to meet  
the many challenges of racing.

Be with the officials, grant them  
wisdom in their duties.

Be with the fans, keep them safe  
and remind them that this is just a race.

Lord, ride with the drivers, grant them courage,  
patience, and strength, steer them from harm.

Lord, we ask that you guide us all,  
as we race to victory in Heaven with you.

-Mark Gramm

In Loving Memory of

# Mick Gary Bliese

June 12, 1945

August 5, 2017

Minneapolis, Minnesota

Sioux Falls, South Dakota

## PRAYER SERVICE

7:30 p.m., Wednesday, August 9, 2017

Emmanuel Lutheran Church  
Gettysburg, South Dakota

## FUNERAL SERVICE

11:00 a.m., Thursday, August 10, 2017

Emmanuel Lutheran Church  
Gettysburg, South Dakota

**OFFICIATING** ~ Pastor David Otten

## HONORARY CASKET BEARERS

Duane Soper, Kevin Logan, Jim McRoberts,  
Mike Bohnenkamp, Mike Jager, Andrew Westphal,  
Barry Eikamp, Dean & Jean Schmidtgall, Paul Houck,  
Barry Ellenbecker, Kenny Ripley, Gettysburg City Council

## USHERS

Alfred Nagel and Florian Drexler

**ORGANIST** ~ Norma Harer

**SOLOIST** ~ Sarah Tanner "One Day at a Time"

## CONGREGATIONAL HYMNS

"Abide With Me" "Nearer My God to Thee"  
"I'm But a Stranger Here"



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**Mick Bliese**, 72, Gettysburg, passed away Saturday, August 5, 2017, at the Avera Heart Hospital, Sioux Falls.

Maurice Gary Bliese was born June 12, 1945 in Minneapolis, Minnesota to Gary and Lucille (Willey) Bliese. He received his education in Agar and Gettysburg; graduating from Gettysburg High School in 1963.

Mick joined the United States Army National Guard, serving from June 1965 until 1971. He worked construction for the State Highway, building the Interstate from Presho going west. Mick later began working for his dad at the repair shop; BMS, Bliese Machine Shop, later taking the business over which he ran until the time of his passing. His ingenuity and skill repaired many machines for area farmers and ranchers. He engineered his own Hopper Bottoms and grain bin movers; moving hundreds of bins and hoppers throughout the state.

Mick loved spending time with his grandchildren, including attending their activities. He was an avid racing fan and especially loved dirt track racing. He loved being in the pits, working alongside his son Kevin, who continues to race. Mick raced at Oahe Speedway from 1971-1973 bringing home trophies for Most Popular Driver, Most Popular Car and Most Popular Mechanic. The retired 8-Ball was retrieved from the weed patch and restored by Mick in 2000. He raced the Vintage Tour throughout MN, SD, and NE.

Those left to cherish his life are his wife, Marty Bliese of Gettysburg; his mother, Lucille Willey Bliese of Gettysburg; his son, Kevin (Kristi) Bliese of Bath and their son, Bridger and stepson, Conner Duven; step children: Wade (Jenn) Tobin of Spearfish and Heidi (Dan) O'Bryan of Colome; grandchildren: Cora, Samuel, and Josie Tobin all of Spearfish and Kelly and Sara O'Bryan of Colome.

He was preceded in death by his father, Gary Bliese.

In lieu of flowers, the family asks that memorials be directed to the Gettysburg Fire Department and Gettysburg EMT's.

**In Loving Memory**



**Mick Bliese**

**1945 ~ 2017**