



In Loving Memory
Of

Lyle Melius

1931 ~ 2019

Lyle Melius, 87, of Cresbard, passed away Saturday, September 28, 2019 at Avera St. Luke's Hospital, Aberdeen, surrounded by his family.

Lyle Eugene Melius' life began October 3, 1931 when he was born to Edwin and Frankie (Horning) Melius on the family farm near Cresbard. He remained on this farm his entire life with the exception of a whole two months.

Lyle attended school in Cresbard, graduating in 1949. While attending school, he met Yvonne Holt and they were married on June 7, 1953. He was a loving husband and together they raised their five children.

Lyle spent his time farming the family farm, raising crops and cattle. In his free time, one would find him touring the countryside on the Ranger, checking crops, enjoying Vonnie's cooking, woodworking, making furniture for his family or sitting in his favorite chair reading or watching his favorite TV shows with his dogs on his lap. After retiring, mowing became his pastime.

Lyle was a lifetime member of the United Methodist Church in Cresbard, a member of the Star and the Masons. Most of all he enjoyed being a loving husband, father, grandfather and friend. Those that knew him will miss his bubbly spirit, his smile, and definitely his laugh.

Those left to cherish his life are his wife of 66 years, Yvonne; his children: Miles (Jerean), Winner, Shelley (Chuck) Simon, Hoven, Philip (Stephanie), Lee Summit, MO, Owen (Shellie), Olathe, KS, and Kary (Pat) Bowar, Cresbard; 16 grandchildren; 26 great grandchildren; and one great-great grandchild; sister, Eila Blikeng, California; sister-in-law, Donna McGough, Chelsea, and numerous nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Edwin and Frankie Melius; sister: Darlene (Clarence) Holmberg; mother and father-in-law: Howard and Doris Holt; and brothers and sister-in-law: Bob Blikeng, Chuck and Jean Johnson, David McGough, and Pete Holt.

In lieu of flowers, memorials will be directed to the Cresbard Methodist Church, Cresbard Cemetery, or the Cresbard Community Center.



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 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,
Oh yes, these things I too will miss.*

*Be not burdened with time of sorrow.
For I wish you the sunshine of tomorrow.
My life has been full, I 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 peace to thee,
God wanted me now so HE SET ME FREE.*

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October 3, 1931
Cresbard, South Dakota

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Aberdeen, South Dakota

CELEBRATION OF LIFE SERVICE: 1:30 p.m., Wednesday, October 2, 2019
United Methodist Church ~ Cresbard, South Dakota

OFFICIATING: Pastor John Hale and Pastor Thomas Carlson

USHERS: Curt Penfield and Monte Kretschmar

GUESTBOOK: Sue Kretschmar

HONORARY CASKET BEARERS: "GRANDCHILDREN"

Jason Paulson, Miles Allen Melius, Heather Melius, Cheryl Melius, Neil Simon, Crystal Simon,
Lindsey Heylens, Mikolas Melius, Marshal Melius, Brandon Melius, Adam Melius,
Anthony Melius, Deidra Smith, Lee Bowar, Clayton Bowar, and Hope Bowar

VOCALIST: Peter Frank

MUSIC: "On Eagle's Wings" "Amazing Grace" "Go Rest High on That Mountain"
"Old Rugged Cross" "You Raise Me Up"

INURNMENT: Cresbard Cemetery ~ Cresbard, South Dakota