

Charles “Chuck” George Storkson was born June 8, 1937 in Glasgow, MT to Clarence and Rachael (Beck) Storkson.

He came to Gettysburg from Glasgow to visit his sister and her husband, who were stationed at the air base near Gettysburg. Chuck decided to stay and began working for Kunstle Farms.

He met his wife of 61 years, Elaine “Dugger” Gross. Theirs was the first wedding performed in the new Sacred Heart Church in Gettysburg on July 25, 1959. They were blessed with three daughters.

Chuck worked at Jack’s Body Shop for Jack Hall for many years. He went on his own at Ripshaw Motors in the body department. He had the opportunity to be on a welding crew for Hoosier Engineers, putting the power line throughout South Dakota and ending at Watertown in November of 1974. He accepted a position at the Potter County Highway Department as a heavy equipment operator until his injury on November 16, 1989. At this time, Chuck became interested in many hobbies including wood working and creating beautiful stained-glass creations. He was a perfectionist and had an eye for detail, which showed consistently in his work.

Chuck was a Gettysburg fire fighter for 15 years during his earlier employment, but he resigned when he went on the road with Hoosiers.

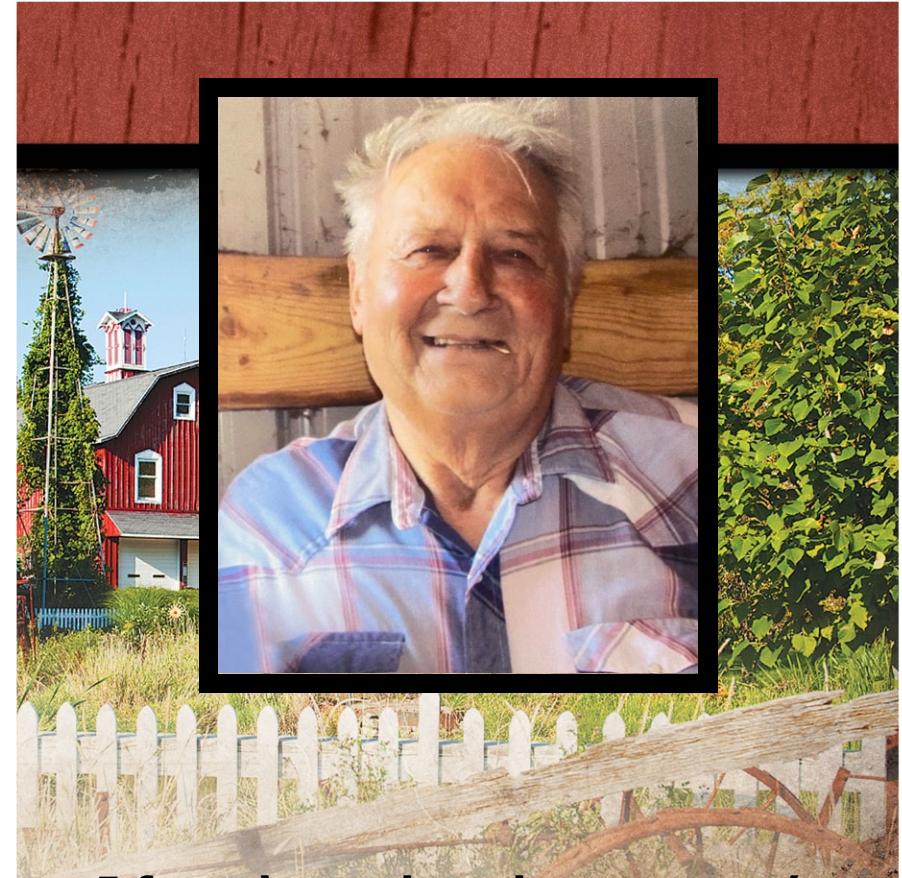
He had an eye to see potential in something that others thought couldn’t be anything. He could turn that something into something unimaginable. He was a very head strong man that didn’t leave a person wondering what he stood for. He always left an impression wherever he went. His joy was his family. He so loved teaching his grandkids skills and helping them with projects.

Chuck is survived by his wife, Elaine “Dugger”; daughters: Charlene “Dort” Smith, Harrisburg, Starla “Tillie” Brandon, Conroe, TX, Angelene “Fred” (Alan) Vetter, Gettysburg; grandchildren: Brandon (Alison) Rogers, Chester, Kurtis Storkson, Gettysburg, Brandy (Curtis) Tullos, Cleveland, TX, Brittany (Elvin) Hunter, Conroe, TX, and Toni (Brandon) Watts, Rapid City; great grandchildren: Dallas, James, Serenity, Braxtin, Tobin, Jasmin, Remi, Caliber, Kellen, and Nixon; sisters: Caroline Podriez, Havre, MT, Edna Flemming, Nashua, MT; and one brother, Levon “Smiley” Johnson, Glasgow, MT.

He is preceded in death by his parents; sister, Ethel Sheriff; brother, Jim Storkson; and two sons-in-law, Bruce Drennan and Jeff Smith.

Chuck was a very practical man, and this is how he felt about flowers, “They are nice, but ya can’t eat ‘em”. Memorials may be directed to Keep Hope Local, 127 Hilltop Dr., Gettysburg, SD 57442.

The family would like to thank the Gettysburg Ambulance Crew, the Gettysburg Law Enforcement, the Avera Gettysburg Hospital Staff, and Luce Funeral Home Staff, who have helped us during this difficult time.



**I found out that there weren’t
too many limitations,
if I did it my way.**



In Loving Memory Of

Chuck Storkson

THE OLD WOODWORKER

Across a bench covered with shavings and tools,
Through passionate eyes his gaze is cast.
With thoughts of children and their toys of wood,
His mind meanders through many times past.

When things that stopped working weren't cast to one side,
Or, though failing, just given a shove,
But repaired and recycled and e'en redesigned
And with a new lease of life, were reloved.

Now, though they're all gone – the boys with their toys
and little girls playing with dolls – so intense,
There are others here now to fill in the void
and delight in the wonders that Grandpa invents.

For he'll take up some pine or whatever's at hand
And look 'long the grain to see if it's straight.
From there will emerge something truly unique
But to gaze on its beauty we'll patiently wait.

As the morning sun shines through glistening dew
and reflects on his face while he dreams far away,
He warms to the thought of new projects to make
and so, he begins another new day.

June 8, 1937

Glasgow, Montana

November 13, 2020

Gettysburg, South Dakota

MASS OF CHRISTIAN BURIAL:

10:30 a.m., Monday, November 23, 2020
Sacred Heart Catholic Church
Gettysburg, South Dakota

OFFICIATING:

Fr. Jerry Kopel

LECTOR & EUCHARISTIC MINISTER:

Mike Bohnenkamp

CASKET BEARERS:

Kurt Storkson, Brandon Watts,
Elvin Hunter, Brandon Rogers,
Toni Watts, and Brittany Hunter

HONORARY CASKET BEARERS:

Chuck's Nieces and Nephews

MUSICIAN:

Colleen Simon

MUSICAL SELECTIONS:

“Amazing Grace”
“How Great Thou Art”
“Ave Maria” (This song was sung at their wedding.)
“Grandpa, Tell Me 'Bout the Good Old Days”
“On Eagle's Wings”

INTERMENT:

Sacred Heart Catholic Cemetery
Gettysburg, South Dakota