

When Tomorrow Starts Without Me

When tomorrow starts without me,
And I'm not there to see,
If the sun should rise and find your
eyes
 all filled with tears for me,
I wish so much you wouldn't cry
 The way you do each day,
While thinking of the many things,
 We didn't get to say.
I know how much you love me,
 As much as I love you,
and each time that you think of me,
 please know I miss you too.
But when tomorrow starts without me,
 Please try to understand,
That an angel came and called my
 name,
 And took me by the hand,
The Angel said my place was ready,
 In heaven far above,
And that I'd have to leave behind
 All those I truly love.
I had so much to live for,
 So much left yet to do,
It seemed almost impossible,
 That I was leaving you.
When tomorrow starts without me,
 Don't think we're far apart,
For every time you think of me,
 I'm right here, in your heart.

In Loving Memory Of

David Anthony Welder

May 27, 1950

Mobridge, South Dakota

August 9, 2022

Gettysburg, South Dakota

MASS OF CHRISTIAN BURIAL:

10:30 a.m., Friday, August 12, 2022

Sacred Heart Catholic Church
Gettysburg, South Dakota

OFFICIATING: Fr. Brian Simon

LECTOR: Michael Welder

EUCARISTIC MINISTER: Tom Welder

MASS SERVERS: Olivia & Neva Mikkelsen

CASKET BEARERS:

Michael Welder, Tom Welder,
Marty Welder, Bill Welder,
Bob Welder, Bob Talsma,
Mark Salzer, Jim Winge

MUSICIAN: Colleen Simon

HYMNS:

"On Eagle's Wings" "Shepherd Me, O God" "Immaculate Mary"
"Song of Farewell" "How Great Thou Art"

INTERMENT:

1:45 p.m., Friday, August 12, 2022

Green Wood Cemetery
Mobridge, South Dakota

David A. Welder, 72, of Gettysburg, passed away, Tuesday, August 9, 2022, at Avera Oahe Manor, Gettysburg.

Dave was birthed, on May 27, 1950, to Michael and Barbara (Zahn) Welder at Mobridge, SD, the third of this large family. He was nurtured by his parents, five brothers, three sisters and a surrounding loving community on a farm near Glencross, South Dakota. While the financial environment was challenging, he was supported by a loving Catholic church and family, obviously dependent on the supply of a loving and always adequate, if not generous God. Among the loves of youth, Dave enjoyed hunting, fishing, and motorcycles which he pursued into his later years. While academics were challenging to Dave, he learned the hard physical work of any farm boy of the 1950s. He had an appreciation for the mechanics of engines and attended Mitchell VoTech in Mitchell, SD. He worked at various agricultural entities before moving to Texas to join a combine crew in the 1970's.

There, he met and married Roxanne Irons. Three children were born into this family: Tami Land, Karen, and David are all current residents of Texas. The family returned from Texas to Mobridge, SD where he worked as a mechanic. The family then moved to the Onida, SD area where Dave spent several years in the trucking industry. He frequently indicated that those years were to teach appreciation for other jobs.

Dave spent his later years at Gettysburg, SD, where he enjoyed "Buddy" his large cat as well as a community of cats that frequented his generous feed trough. He often spoke of his local friends with whom he might chat with over Sunday morning coffee. The family and Dave are most appreciative of his friend Dean who was loyal and sacrificial in Dave's years of decline. Dave was compromised by heart disease from his middle age going forward. After a harrowing attack of Covid, he eventually entered Gettysburg Nursing Facility, where he was treated with great kindness and generous food until his death.

His surviving family thanks the entire medical community of Onida and Gettysburg for their good and discretionary care of Dave.

He is survived by his three children; four grandchildren, (one deceased) five brothers and three sisters and many nieces and nephews.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be given to Sacred Heart Catholic Church, PO Box 285, Gettysburg, SD 57442, or just feed the cats!

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1950 - 2022

