

# GOD MADE A FARMER

And on the 8th day, God looked down  
on His planned paradise and said,  
"I need a caretaker."

*So God made*

## A FARMER

God said, "I need somebody willing to get up  
before dawn, milk cows, work all day  
in the fields and milk cows again.  
I need somebody with arms strong enough to  
rustle a calf and yet gentle enough to deliver his  
own grandchild. I need somebody who'll bale a  
family together with the soft strong bonds of  
sharing, who will laugh and then sigh, and then  
reply, with smiling eyes, when his son says that  
he wants to spend his life 'doing what dad does'."

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**In Loving Memory**

# Mike Ahlemeier

August 5, 1950  
Hoven, South Dakota

November 1, 2023  
Sioux Falls, South Dakota

### **PRAYER SERVICE**

2:00 p.m., Sunday, November 5, 2023  
United Methodist Church  
Gettysburg, South Dakota

### **CELEBRATION OF LIFE SERVICE**

11:00 a.m., Monday, November 6, 2023  
United Methodist Church  
Gettysburg, South Dakota

### **OFFICIATING**

Pastor Jeff Adel

### **CASKET BEARERS "GRANDCHILDREN"**

Shelby Pruitt, Jady Ahlemeier,  
Paige Ahlemeier, Peyton Ahlemeier,  
Kayden Ahlemeier, Haylie Ahlemeier,  
Brynlie Ahlemeier, and Dylan Ahlemeier

### **PIANIST**

Donna Hanson

### **MUSICAL SELECTIONS**

"Old Rugged Cross" "Amazing Grace"  
"Because He Lives" "How Great Thou Art"

### **INTERMENT**

Gettysburg Cemetery  
Gettysburg, South Dakota



Mike Ahlemeier, 73, of Gettysburg, passed away Wednesday, November 1, 2023, at Dougherty Hospice House in Sioux Falls surrounded by his family.

Michael Harold Ahlemeier was born August 5, 1950, in Hoven, South Dakota to Harold John and Elaine (Hansen) Ahlemeier. Mike graduated from Gettysburg High School and went on to receive his Bachelor of Business from South Dakota State University in Brookings. After completing his education, Mike made the decision to return to Gettysburg to run the family farm. His tireless efforts and unwavering dedication to agriculture were not only a testament to his work ethic but also a testament to his love for the land and his family.

In 1970, Mike married Marilyn Hanneman, and they had three sons: Scott, Kevin, and Curits.

Mike was a loving father, grandfather, and cherished member of his community. He found great joy in watching his grandkids play sports, capturing precious moments through his photography, fishing and camping with family, and tending to his farm, nurturing his crops with care. In his later years, he shared a beautiful life with the love of his life, Kathy.

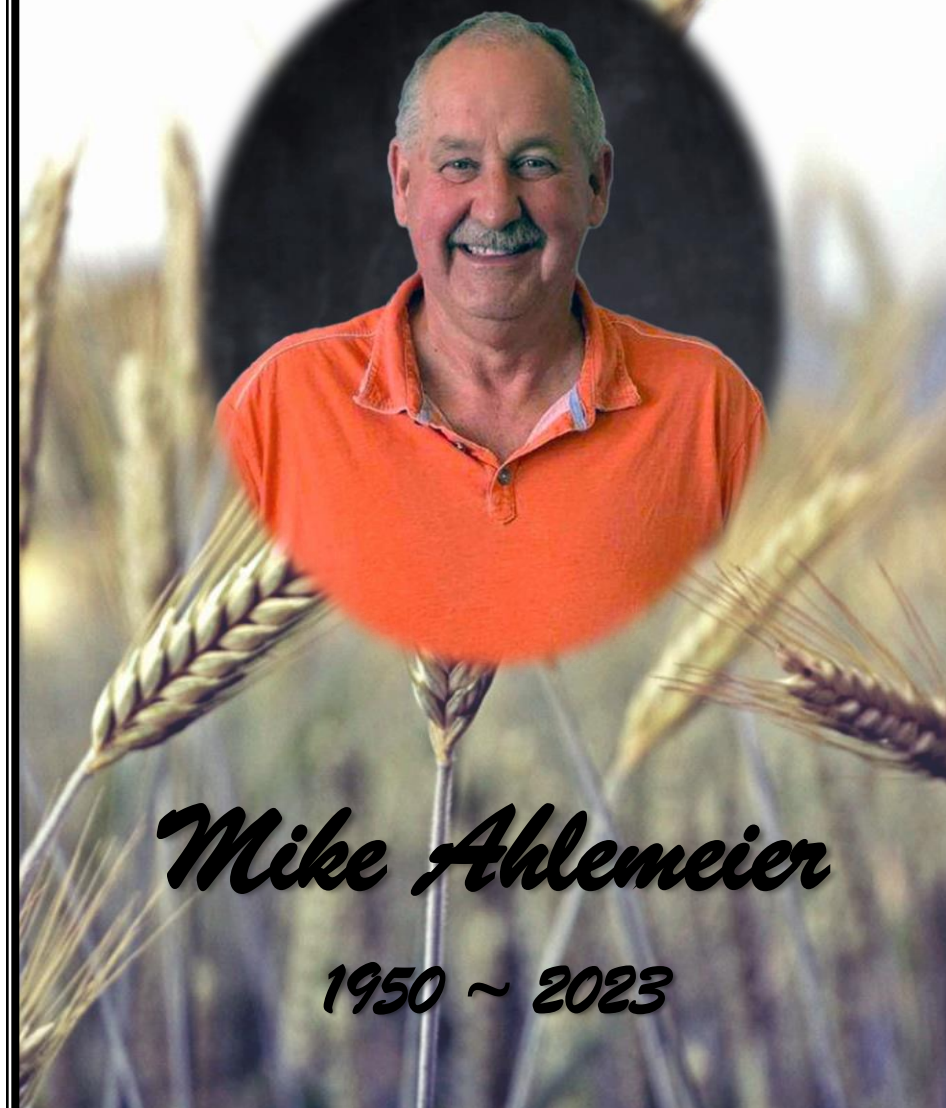
Mike's life will be forever cherished by his significant other, Kathy Schweitzer, Sioux Falls; sons: Scott (Trish) and Kevin, all of Gettysburg, and Curtis of New Orleans, Louisiana; his grandchildren: Shelby, Jadyn, Paige, Peyton, Kayden, Haylie, Brynlie, and Dylan; great-grandchildren: Sutton, Rhett, and Banks; sisters: Cindy Futch, Linda Helgeson, and Brenda Snipes and brother, John (Tina) Ahlemeier.

He was preceded in death by his parents: H.J. and Elaine Ahlemeier; maternal and paternal grandparents; sister, Kay Ahlemeier and brother-in-law, Rick Snipes.

Memorials in Mike's honor may be directed to "Keep Hope Local" at 127 Hilltop Dr, Gettysburg, SD 57442, or to the "Oahe Area Youth Center" at PO Box 65, Gettysburg, SD 57442, which will carry forward Mike's legacy of supporting the youth and enriching our community through local activities.

*A Celebration of Life.....*

*A Life Remembered*



*Mike Ahlemeier*

*1950 ~ 2023*