

In Loving Memory Of  
**Willard "Bill" Hermann**

March 9, 1929  
Hoven, South Dakota

February 5, 2026  
Bowdle, South Dakota

**WAKE:**

7:00 p.m., Friday, February 13, 2026  
St. Anthony's Catholic Church ~ Hoven, South Dakota

**MASS OF CHRISTIAN BURIAL:**

10:30 a.m., Saturday, February 14, 2026  
St. Anthony's Catholic Church ~ Hoven, South Dakota

**OFFICIATING:** Fr. Brian Simon

**LECTOR:** Linda Feldmeier

**EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER:** Bob Keller

**MASS SERVERS:** Jacob Hartung and Wyatt Huber

**OFFERTORY:** Angie Anderson, Paige Sperry,  
Kelly Herman, and Megan Lankenau

**CASKET BEARERS:** Jeremy Penrod, Sage Hermann, Brad Frost,  
John Curtis Umiker, Jayden Karst, and Brooke Ulrich

**HONORARY CASKET BEARERS:** Travis "Trapper" Karst,  
Mel Kaiser, Jeff Rundall, Joe Hartung, Barb Seurer, Janine Arbach,  
Nickie LaBeau, Tyler Ulrich, George Sperry, Kelly Herman, Angie  
Anderson, Paige Sperry, Megan Lankenau, Lorraine Hoffman,  
Bowdle Nursing Home Staff

**MUSICIANS:** Mary Lou Keller and St. Anthony's Choir

**HYMNS:** "Be Not Afraid" "How Great Thou Art"  
"Old Rugged Cross" "Song of Farewell" "On Eagle's Wings"

**INTERMENT:** St. Anthony's Catholic Cemetery  
Hoven, South Dakota

There is some that like the city—  
Grass that's curried smooth and green,  
Theaters and stranglin' collars,  
Wagons run by gasoline—

But for me it's horse and saddle  
Every day without a change,  
And a desert sun a-blazin'  
On a hundred miles of range,

Just a-riding', just a-ridin'—  
Desert rippling in the sun,  
Mountains blue along the skyline—  
I don't envy anyone  
When I'm ridin'.

"Til you're better paid!" --B.H.



Gettysburg, South Dakota  
www.familyfuneralhome.net

Bill Hermann, 96, of Hoven, passed away Thursday, February 5, 2026, at Bowdle Hospital.

Willard "Bill" Hermann was born March 9, 1929, in Hoven, South Dakota, to Mathias and Gertrude (Gerber) Hermann. He attended St. Bernard Parochial School, and from a young age developed a strong work ethic.

On August 5, 1950, Bill was united in marriage to Betty Jane Kilian. The couple lived for a short time in the Clear Lake area before returning to Potter County, where they made their home near the river. During this time, Bill worked for area ranchers. In the early 1960s, the family moved to Hoven, where Bill was employed by the Potter County Highway Department and later worked at the Hoven Cheese Factory until his retirement.

When Bill wasn't working, he enjoyed the simple pleasures of life. He loved hunting and fishing, making his homemade wine, helping at local auctions, and most of all, spending time with his grandchildren, who brought him great joy.

Bill's life will be cherished by his children: Bob (Mary) of Nowthen, MN, Ginny (Aryln) Minnerath, Hoven, Joy Penrod, Gettysburg, Lynn (Donnie) Karst, Hoven, and Ed (Naomi), Gettysburg; grandchildren: Kelly Herman, Nickie (Jeff) LaBeau, Brad Frost, John C. (Joan) Umiker, Angie (Jeremy) Anderson, Jeremy (Jodi) Penrod, Jodie Karst, Brooke (Tyler) Ulrich, Paige (George) Sperry, Megan (Tristan) Lankenau, Sage Hermann, Cody (Michelle) Minnerath, Jenny (Don) Litzen and Lynelle (Pat) Dwyer; great grandchildren: Rocky and Jasmine LaBeau, Morgan and Kolten Frost, JJ and Jake Umiker, Gracie Ann, Bella, and Wyatt Fillaus, Madie Penrod, Tyler and Kaitlynn Rudebusch, Jayden Karst, Kayl, Kemry, and Kaden Ulrich, Crue, Hazley, and Holden Sperry; and two sisters-in-law: Carletta Kilian, and Pat Kilian.

He was preceded in death by his parents; loving wife, Betty Hermann; son, Billy Hermann; son-in-law, Rich Penrod; grandson, Travis "Trapper" Karst; brother, Herbert Hermann; and sisters: Adeline Fox and Dytch Rundall.

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