

A Life Remembered

I'M FREE

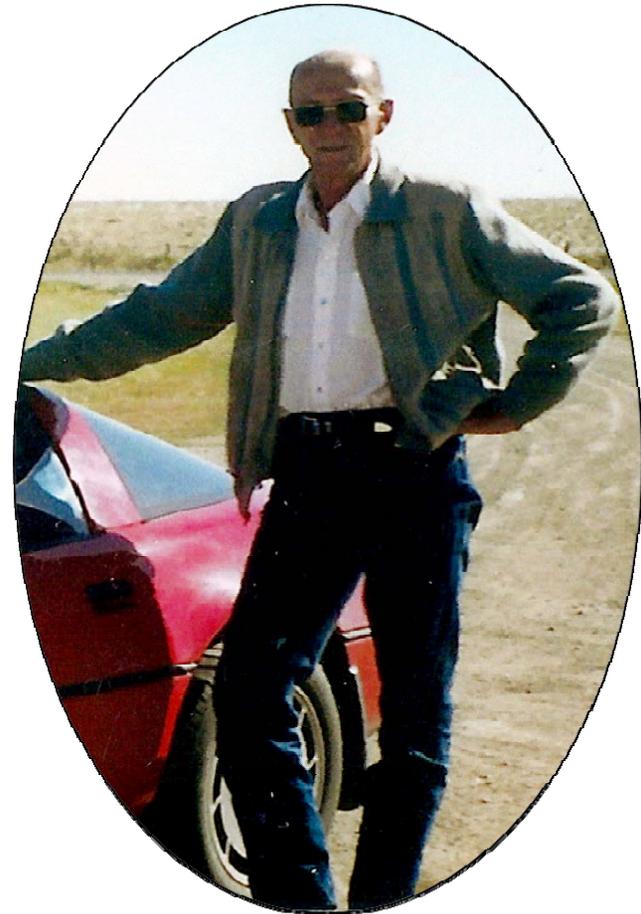
*Don't grieve for me, for now I'm free,
I'm following the path God has laid for me.
I took his hand when I heard his call;
I turned my back and left it all.*

*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 love ones 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.*



Wayne Houdek

June 18, 1933 ~ October 8, 2010



Highmore, South Dakota
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Wayne Houdek, 77, of Onida, passed away Friday, October 8, 2010 at St. Mary's Healthcare Center in Pierre of cancer.

Wayne was born June 18, 1933 at the family farm in Hand County to Henry and Melva (Leifgreen) Houdek. He attended rural school in Hand County and after his parents bought a café in Highmore, he attended school in Highmore and graduated in 1951.

After high school, he enlisted in the Air Force and was stationed in California and Wyoming.

He married Geraldine Palon on August 9, 1952 and to this union nine children were born: Gail, Cosette, Scott, Laurie, Kelly Dana, Stephanie, Chad, and Heath. Wayne worked for the State Highway Department and also Johnson Construction. He was known across the area for his expertise at building roads and dams.

On November 2, 1983 he married Kaleen Wolfworth. Together they made their home in Onida for thirteen years.

He is survived by his children: Gail Claggett of Longview, WA, Cosette Nysetvoldt of Scappoose, OR, Scott Houdek Douglas, WY, Laurie Koski, Billings, MT, Kelly Koennecke of Portland, OR, Dana Grover of Scappoose, OR, Stephanie Houdek of Douglas, WY, and Heath Houdek of Scappoose, OR; his brother, Bob (Janice) Houdek of Highmore, SD; dear friend, Fran Smith of Onida, SD; 16 grandchildren; 11 great grandchildren and many nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his son Chad; parents; and grandparents.

In Memory Of
Wayne Houdek

Memorial Service

7:00 p.m., Friday, October 15, 2010
Luze Funeral Home
Highmore, South Dakota

Minister

Roger Day

Musician

Roger Day

Inurnment

Highmore Cemetery
Highmore, South Dakota