

He never finished school,
but he finished every job
he ever started.

He grew his own food, not because
it was the "new way",
but because it was the only way.

He lived through times when
money and food was sparse,
but his kids never missed a meal...
although he did.

He's seen droughts, tornados, floods,
fires and wind destroy his farm, but he
never gave up.

If he had two dollars to his name,
he would give it to you,
if you were in need.

He's a grandfather, father,
uncle, brother, and friend.

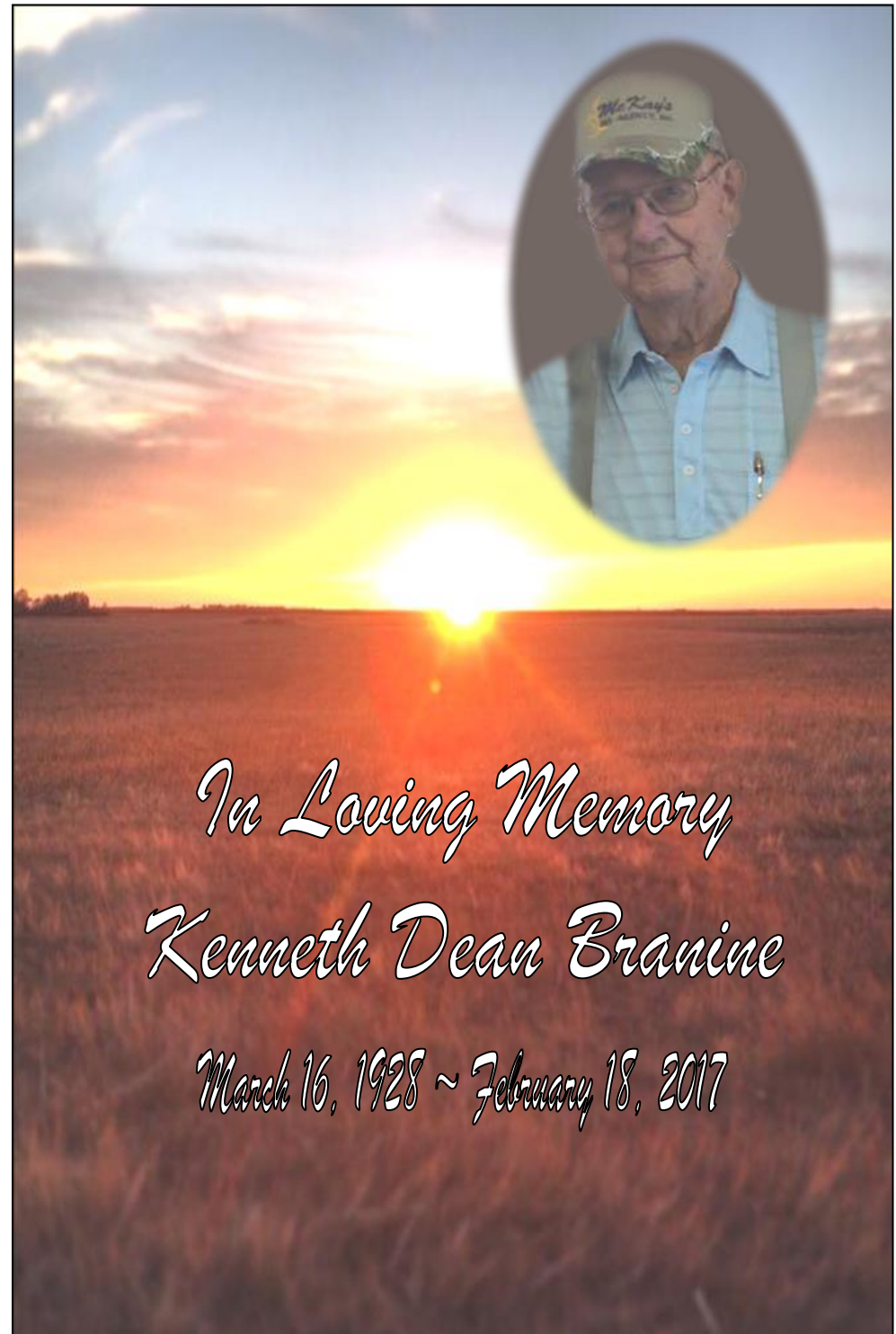
An American Farmer

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Dean Branine, 88, of Holabird, passed away Saturday, February 18, 2017 at Yuma Regional Medical Center, Yuma, AZ.

Dean was born Kenneth Dean Branine to Guy and Elizabeth (Clayton) Branine in Cheney, Kansas on March 16, 1928. During his teenage years, Dean worked with his father in the local blacksmith shop where he learned how to repair or rebuild many items. He told many stories of sharpening plow lathes for days on end!

Dean and Alice (Wohlschlegel) were married on February 25, 1951, in Harper, Kansas and became a complete family when Karol, Kenny and Kay joined the family.

Dean moved to the Holabird, South Dakota area in 1948 to start his farming career. After they were married, he and Alice would farm during the spring, summer and fall and travel back to Kansas in the winter months. Dean and Alice were partners, not only in life, but in the farm and in the raising of their three children. Dean's passion in life was farming. He loved to sit on a tractor to work the ground or a combine to bring the harvest home! His other passions were hunting, fishing, bowling and golfing. When Dean and Alice decided that they would try to get out of the South Dakota cold around 1990, you could find them travelling to the warmer climates and eventually landed at Cocopah RV & Golf Resort in Yuma, Arizona, where Dean became an avid golfer. He got his first and only hole-in-one on the 1st tee at the Cocopah Golf Course! They made many dear friends at their winter home in Yuma.

Dean is survived by his son, Kenny and his wife Sandy of Harrold, SD; his daughter, Kay and her husband Steve Gill of Marshfield, MO; his grandchildren: Clayton Pykiet and his wife Jessica of Wichita, KS; Andrew Pykiet of Tulsa, OK; Cody Grindle, of Liberal, KS; Alicia Perry and her husband, Derick of Wichita, KS; and Shawn Branine of Harrold, SD; his great-grandchildren: Audrie Grindle, Zane Pykiet, Riley Pykiet; and many nieces and nephews.

Dean was preceded in death by his parents; his wife, Alice in 2015; his daughter, Karol in 2016; his siblings and their spouses: Mardell and Andy Lessenden, Clyde and Betty Branine, Naomi and Aubrey Pouncey, Ruth and James Pouncey, and Elmer and Jackie Branine; and nephew, Courtney Branine.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that memorials be donated to the Hyde County Senior Center, 103 Iowa Ave., S, Highmore, SD 57345

Kenneth Dean Branine

March 16, 1928 ~ February 18, 2017

VISITATION:

6:30 p.m., Friday, March 3, 2017

United Methodist Church ~ Highmore, South Dakota

PRAYER SERVICE

7:00 p.m., Friday, March 3, 2017

United Methodist Church ~ Highmore, South Dakota

FUNERAL SERVICE:

10:30 a.m., Saturday, March 4, 2017

United Methodist Church ~ Highmore, South Dakota

MINISTER: Pastor Roger Day

CASKETBEARERS:

Clayton Pykiet ~ Drew Pykiet ~ Cody Grindle
Shawn Branine ~ Caleb Pazour ~ Sam Dancey

HONORARY CASKETBEARERS:

Casey Snodgrass ~ Lowell Rinehart ~ Art Kirschenmann
All of Dean's family & friends near and far

USHERS: Ed Westcott ~ Vernon Pykiet

GUESTBOOK: Teresa Westcott

ORGANIST: Katherine Porter

VOCALISTS: Frankie Rinehart & Roger Day

MUSIC SELECTIONS:

"Take Me Home, Precious Lord"

"Tractor" by Granger Smith

"On Eagle's Wing"

INTERMENT:

Highmore Cemetery
Highmore, South Dakota

Everyone is invited for lunch and fellowship following the burial in the basement of the church