

William Leo "Bill" Kusser was born April 5, 1927, on the Kusser family homestead in southern Hyde County to Philip Henry and Lillian (Enger) Kusser. He grew up on the family farm with his six siblings and received his education in a rural school.

He was united in marriage to Rita Oligmueller on April 22, 1948, at Stephan, SD. To this union, seven children were born.

Bill spent his lifetime providing for his family. He sold Watkins in the Clear Lake, SD, area for a few years before returning to Highmore. He was employed by the Hyde County Highway Department and was self-employed as a carpenter for many years. He managed Duane's Furniture, purchased wool from a wide variety of producers around the area, operated a small engine repair business and in later years operated printing equipment at the Highmore Herald.

He will be remembered for his "don't throw it away, you might need it someday" attitude and he was right many, many times. He shared his knowledge of carpentry and repair with his kids and grandkids and was always happy to help with any of their projects. His greatest pleasure, besides enjoying 69 years of marriage to the love of his life, was getting a visit from any member of his family. He was an active member of St. Mary's Catholic Church and was a faithful servant of the Lord.

Survivors include: his wife, Rita; his children and their spouses: Bob (Jean) Kusser of Sturgis, Mary Ann (Lynn) Morford of Highmore, Dwaine (Darla) Kusser of Pierre, Diane (Roger) Buchholz of Highmore, Carolyn Kutz of Highmore, Ray Kusser of Highmore and Jeanette (Keith) Gourneau of Pierre; 15 grandchildren; 32 great-grandchildren; three great-great-grandchildren; one brother, Philip (Virginia) Kusser; two sisters: Norma (Dwaine) Straight and Joan Hardwick; one brother-in-law, Francis Mason, one sister-in-law, Karen Kusser and many nieces and nephews and a host of other family members and friends.

Bill was preceded in death by his parents; his in-laws, John and Bernadine Oligmueller; one grandson, Shannon; one daughter-in-law, Wanda Kusser; one son-in-law, Roger Kutz; one brother, Richard Kusser and two sisters, Ramona Weber and Bernice Mason.

A message to Grandpa Bill by Kyle on behalf of all the grandkids.....

There are countless things that you have taught us over the years that I could speak of today.

Not one lesson any less important than the next.
From striking a nail square with a hammer... to doing something for someone without being asked to do it.

From hangers for our baseball gear & the girl's necklaces and toy boxes, ... to any small engine that entered your shop.

Or perhaps we simply just needed to reference your seemingly limitless bank of knowledge.

You truly were a master of many crafts.

I always thought that the day you died, the amount of wisdom lost would be too huge to imagine. But I was wrong.

Out of all of your projects you have worked so hard on, the one that you took the most stock in was your family and passing that wisdom on.

You've been working on all of us for years, decades, and we didn't even realize it.

So now when I think about the wisdom lost I get a comforting feeling because, in fact, the wisdom is not lost. It is instilled in each and every one of us.

And whatever piece of knowledge or wisdom we have taken from you, we could always be sure that it was customized to just how you knew it would benefit us. Or at least to how you hoped we would use it.

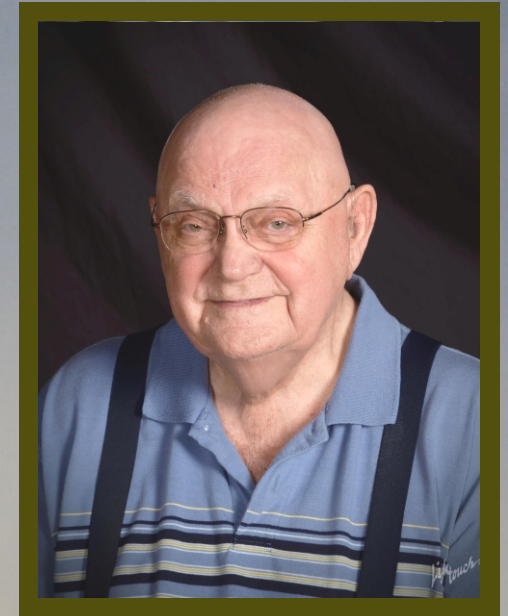
So let's think back and pay attention to the lessons the old man taught us.

Use your heads.
Think before you act.
Measure twice, cut once.

Don't let that wisdom go to waste.

"When you teach your son, you teach your son's son."

Thank all of you for coming, and
Thank you Grandpa



In Loving
M E M O R Y

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April 5, 1927 - July 7, 2017



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Mass of Chirstian Burial .

10:30 a.m., Tuesday, July 11, 2017

St. Mary's Catholic Church

Highmore, South Dakota

Minister: Fr. Chester Murtha

Casketbearers.

Doug Scott - Shorty Zilverberg - Dan Pekarek

John Volek - Mike Uhrig - Ed Wescott

Honorary Casketbearers. All of Bill's grandchildren

Grandchildren

Jessica and Joshua (Alisha) Kusser

Jenny Johnson, Mike (Jessica) Morford

Kim Kusser (Thomas Bickel), Chad Kusser

Roxanne Oakley (Mike Parmely),

Clint (Tara) Buchholz

John (Diana) Kutz, Linda (Brian) Gill

Lacey (Daniel) Napton

Kelly (JD) Hanson, Kyle (Madee) Kusser

Katie Luce, Courtney Gourneau (Justin Bremer)

Great-Grandchildren

Brittany Roberts, Zach Uselman, Kaisen Kusser

Allison Johnson, Kelsey Morford

Danny Muzik (Jerica Coller), Kadence and Jada Kusser

Grady and Cole (Sierra) Oakley

Elizabeth and Rebecca Buchholz

Jocelyn, Samantha and Allyson Kutz

Natalie, Kayla and Trevor Gill

Emmalyn, Chenoa, Dannah, Annessa,

Dason and Daniel Jr. Napton

Hunter and Ella Rae Hanson

Logan, Taylor and Brody Kusser

Morgan and Lillian Luce, Lennox Bremer

Great-Great-Grandchildren

Landon and McKenzie Wright

Grey Oakley

Ushers. Mike Mason - Nick Nemec - Dwight Gutxmer

Lector. Rod Kusser

Guestbook. Janet Scott

Giftbearers. Donine Wieseler - Shirley Klebsch

Organist. Chantrel LaMont

Musical Selections.

"How Great Thou Art" #423

"Amazing Grace" # 431

"Old Rugged Cross"

"Song of Farewell" # 823

"On Eagle's Wings" #435

Interment.

St. Mary's Catholic Cemetery

Highmore, South Dakota



Arrangements Entrusted to
Luze Funeral Home - Highmore, South Dakota
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