



***Richard Neil "Dick" Hamlin
May 21, 1934 - July 24, 2022***



***Hamlin Family Fun Day
July 10, 2022***

When Tomorrow Starts Without Me

When tomorrow starts without me, please try to understand, that an angel came and called my name, and took me by the hand. The angel said my place was ready, in Heaven far above, and that I'd have to leave behind all those I dearly love. But when I walked through Heaven's gates I felt so much at home, for God looked down, smiled at me and told me "Welcome Home". So when tomorrow starts without me, don't think we're far apart, for every time you think of me, I'm right there in your heart.

**MEMORIAL SERVICES
FOR
RICHARD NEIL "DICK" HAMLIN**

Sunday, July 31, 2022, at 5:00 p.m.

**Hyde County Memorial Auditorium
Highmore, South Dakota
Pastor Jeffry McKean, Officiating**



CASKET BEARERS

David Volek
Prentice Bast
Dickson Bast
Roman Bast

Travis Hamlin
Hadley Hamlin
Zachary Kosters
Kennedy Kosters

McKinley Kosters
Haiden Volek
Tyson Volek
Kael Campbell

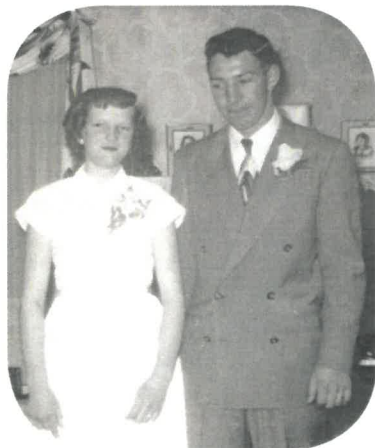
Honorary Bearers: Highmore Fire Department; special family friend Mike Roberts, special niece Mary Ann Wortman, great-grandsons Gentry Bast, Oliver Brown, Everett Brown, Liam Bast, Chet Dobesh, Hayes Dobesh and Otto Hamlin

Memorial Book and Cards: Susan Roberts, Mary Ann Morford, Tara Buchholz and Mary Ann Wortman

Readers: Prentice Bast, Roman Bast, Hadley Hamlin, Dickson Bast, Holly Dobesh, Tyann Hamlin, Tierny Hamlin and Mallory Brown

**At Rest
Highmore City Cemetery
Highmore, South Dakota**

**Arrangements
Luze Funeral Home, Highmore, South Dakota
www.familyfuneralhome.net**



In Loving Memory

Richard Neil "Dick" Hamlin was born May 21, 1934 to Wallace and Elsie (Samp) Hamlin in Holabird and died July 24, 2022 at Highmore Health in Highmore, at the age of 88 years, two months and three days, following a hard-fought and courageous battle with cancer.

He grew up in Holabird, the youngest of five siblings. He attended elementary school in Holabird and then went to Highmore High School, graduating with the Class of 1953. He was involved with track and field, football and basketball while in high school, earning letters in all three sports.

He met his future wife while she was working at Namanny's Cafe in Highmore. Richard and Isabelle Wortman were united in marriage on May 3, 1953 in her parents' parlor in Highmore. To this union, five children were born: Cynthia, Susan, Charles, Michael and Mary Beth.

After graduation, he spent many years, along with this wife, helping her mother at the Hyde County Memorial Auditorium as 'custodians and later as a bouncer for numerous dances. Dick began working with his brother-in-law, Fred Hale, doing plumbing and electrical work. He began his 30-year career with the City of Highmore in May of 1974, where he taught many youth in the community the meaning of hard work with summer jobs of mowing parks, painting playground equipment, cleaning bathrooms and preparing the swimming pool for the season.

He was active in the Boy Scouts in Highmore as a troop leader when his sons were young and helped many local youngsters learn valuable life skills and a strong work ethic.

He became a member of the Highmore Volunteer Fire Department in 1966 and served in various officer roles, including Chief for many years. He devoted 33 years to the department and was forced to retire in 1999 due to his own bylaw to establish having members retire upon reaching age 65.

Dick and Izzy established the Community Tree Replacement Project in 1995. They planted many trees in the City's parks and at the baseball park over the years to help keep the town looking beautiful. He retired from the City of Highmore in 2004 and took care of Izzy when she became ill. Following her death in 2005, Dick started working at Highmore Health as the Housekeeping and Laundry Supervisor. After spending 10 years there, he retired again.

Dick was diagnosed with cancer in November of 2019 and took treatments until June of 2022 when he found out it had spread into his bones. He was very fortunate to spend his final days with his friends and caregivers at Highmore Health.

Survivors include his children: Susan (Brian) Bast, Charles (Pamela) Hamlin and Mary Beth Hamlin, all of Highmore; Michael (Peggy) Hamlin of Springfield, IL; 11 grandchildren: Christine (Jeff) Kosters of Frederick, David (Amy) Volek of Mina, Prentice (Amanda) Bast and Dickson Bast of Highmore, Roman (Paige) Bast of Huron, Holly (Calvin) Dobesh and Tyann Hamlin of Spearfish, Tierny Hamlin of Howes, Hadley (McKenzie) Hamlin of Glendale, AZ; and Mallory (Derrick) Brown and Travis (Taylor-Ann) Hamlin of Springfield, IL; 19 great-grandchildren: Zachary, Courtney (fiance Kevin Kimball) and Kennedy Kosters of Aberdeen; McKinley Kosters of Frederick, Bailey Volek (fiance Dylan Dickinson), Haiden and Tyson Volek of Aberdeen; Kael Campbell of Mina, Gentry and Truen Bast of Highmore, Emersyn, Suttyn and Irelyn Bast of Huron, Liam Bast of Highmore, Oliver and Everett Brown and Otto Hamlin of Springfield, IL; and Chet and Hayes Dobesh of Spearfish; one sister, Elaine Ashdown of Highmore; three sisters-in-law: Leona Hamlin of Highmore, Eunice Hamlin of Ocean Park, WA and Ruth Hamlin of Arlington, WA; a brother-in-law, Martin (Betty) Wortman of Highmore; and numerous nieces, nephews and cousins.

He was preceded in death by his parents, his wife, a daughter, Cindy Volek in 2015, three brothers: Wayne, Leonard and Myron; and two brothers-in-law, Fred Hale and Les Ashdown.