

**Memorial Service:**

1:00 p.m., Thursday, May 25, 2023  
Harrold School Gym  
Harrold, South Dakota

**Officiant:**

Chaplin Brita Bergeson

**Honorary Urnbearers:**

Gerald's Grandchildren  
& Great Grandchildren

**Ushers:**

Treg Cowan  
Dustin Hacecky

**Pianist:**

Chantrel LaMont

**Soloist:**

Susie Payne

**Musical Hymns:**

"Mansion Over the Hilltop"  
"On Eagle's Wings"  
"How Great Thou Art"

*Please join the family for fellowship  
in the school gym after the service.*

*Celebrating* THE *Life* OF



**Gerald D. Schmautz**

August 8, 1940 - May 17, 2023

Gerald Duane Schmautz, 82, of Harrold, passed away Wednesday, May 17, 2023, at his home.

Gerald Schmautz was born August 8, 1940, in Glen Ullin, North Dakota to Rueben and Edna Schmautz. Gerald was raised in the Glen Ullin, North Dakota area where he attended country school. The family then moved to Lead, South Dakota in 1956.

Gerald held many different titles, with his favorite being a husband to his bride, Shirley, of 61 years. He was a father to his five children and a grandpa who loved nothing more than spoiling all of his grandchildren and great grandchildren.

Aside from his love for his family, Gerald was always the first one to lend a helping hand, from driving bus to helping his children/grandchildren with the best deals on the car lot. Gerald positively touched the lives of people in different communities and was a true believer who trusted in the Lord. Gerald will be truly missed.

Survivors include his wife, Shirley, Harrold; son, Duane (Lori), Pierre; son, Dale (Rhonda), Belle Fourche; daughter, Scarlet (Dean) Becker, Harrold; son, Tim (Jackie), Pierre; son, Danny (Liz), Ft. Pierre; sisters: Renee (Larry) Chitwood, Sioux Falls and Nancy (Kurt) Klunder, Black Hawk; twelve grandchildren; fourteen great grandchildren; and a very special friend who is considered part of the family, Dustin.

Gerald was preceded in death by his parents: Rueben and Edna Schmautz; infant sister, Karen; sister, Diane Gray; brother-in-law, Harley Gray; daughter-in-law, Carol Schmautz; brothers-in-law: Gaylord and Ray Edwards; and sister-in-law, Dorothy Edwards.

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When I am gone, release me, let me go,  
So I can move into my Afterglow  
You mustn't tie me down with your tears.  
Let's be happy we had so many years.

I gave to you my love. You can only guess  
How much you gave me in happiness  
I thank you for the love you each have shown  
But now it's time I traveled on alone.

So grieve a while for me, if grieve you must;  
Then let your grief be comforted by trust.  
It's only for a while that we must part,  
So bless the memories within your heart.

And then, when you must come this way alone....  
I'll greet you with a smile and say  
"WELCOME HOME"

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