



#### THE CROSS IN MY POCKET

I carry a cross in my pocket,  
A simple reminder to me  
Of the fact that I am a Christian  
No matter where I may be.  
This little cross is not magic,  
Nor is it a good luck charm.  
It isn't meant to protect me  
From every physical harm.  
It's not for identification  
For all the world to see.  
It's simply an understanding  
Between my Saviour and me.  
When I put my hand in my pocket  
To bring out a coin or key  
The Cross is there to remind me  
Of the price He paid for me.  
It reminds me too, to be thankful  
For my blessings day by day.  
And to strive to serve Him better  
In all that I do and say.  
It's also a daily reminder  
Of the peace and comfort I share  
With all who know my Master  
And give themselves to His care.  
So, I carry a cross in my pocket  
Reminding no one but me  
That Jesus Christ is Lord of my life  
If only I'll let Him be.

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IN LOVING  
*Memory*

**Lawrence Henry Lynch**

March 14, 1936 - November 5, 2024

Lawrence Lynch, 88, of Highmore, passed away Tuesday, November 5, 2024, at the Highmore Health.

Lawrence H. Lynch was born on March 14, 1936, to Leo L. and Florence (Kelley) Lynch in Highmore, South Dakota.

On February 9, 1959, Lawrence married Shirley Parker, and together they shared many happy years riding his motorcycle and celebrating family gatherings. Their greatest joy came on December 29, 1976, with the birth of their daughter, Laurie Ann. As she grew, Lawrence delighted in attending her music performances, camps, concerts, and school programs. He was a proud father when she married Barry Hayes on June 14, 2003. Lawrence and Shirley recently celebrated 65 years of marriage on February 9, 2024.

Lawrence was a dedicated and valued worker throughout his life. His career included roles with Tompkins OK Service, Kiel Implement, and Leonard Iron Works, before joining Pioneer Garage in 1964, where Clarence Busse hired him to set up farm machinery. After 38 years of service, he was honored by Jan Busse with a Ford Taurus as a tribute to his commitment to the company.

Lawrence had a deep love for the land and nature. From a young age, he worked alongside his father doing custom baling with a team of horses, eventually developing extensive expertise in baler operations. Known for his helpful spirit, Lawrence especially enjoyed supporting truckers by efficiently loading and unloading with his forklift, always ensuring they were quickly back on the road.

Lawrence will be remembered for his kind heart, his dedication to his work, and his love for family and nature. His memory will be cherished by those who knew him.

Those grateful to have shared in Lawrence's life is his wife of 65 years, Shirley of Highmore; daughter, Laurie (Barry) Hayes of Rapid City; sister, Patricia Calvetti of Rapid City; nieces, nephews, and other family members.

He was preceded in death by his parents; his in-laws, Gordon and Olive Parker; and siblings: Charlotte Roalstad, Katherine Ortmeier, Marllys Cermak, Guen Etta Axtmann, John Abernathy, Kenneth Abernathy, George Abernathy, Joseph Abernathy, Raphael (Bud) Lynch, and Leo E. (Bunk) Lynch.

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### **Funeral Mass:**

11:00 a.m., Friday, November 8, 2024

St. Mary's Catholic Church

Highmore, South Dakota

**Celebrant:** Monsignor Charles Mangan

### **Casketbearers:**

Barry Hayes - Michael Parker - David Axtmann

Tony Calvetti - Gary Cermak - Jeff Mashek

### **Honorary Casketbearers:**

John Weidenback - Edward Merchen - David Cermak

Connie Hoffman - Clayton Merchen - LaVerl Machen

Danny Mashek - All Past & Present Pioneer Garage Associates

**Guestbook:** Jackie Mashek

**Readers:** Tony & Patricia Calvetti

**Offertory:** Laurie & Barry Hayes

**Organist:** Bridget Zilverberg

### **Music Selections:**

"On Eagles Wings" - "Psalm 23"

"Hail, Holy Queen" - "O Sacrament Most Holy"

"Song of Farewell"

"Holy God, We Praise Thy Name"

### **Burial:**

St. Mary's Catholic Cemetery

Highmore, South Dakota

The family warmly invites everyone to join them for lunch and continued fellowship following the burial at the church hall.