

## The Dash

By Linda Ellis

I read of a man who stood to speak  
At the funeral of a friend  
He referred to the dates on his tombstone  
From the beginning to the end  
He noted that first came the date of his birth  
And spoke the following date with tears,  
But he said what mattered most of all  
Was the dash between those years  
For that dash represents all the time  
That he spent alive on earth.  
And now only those who loved him  
Know what that little line is worth.  
For it matters not how much we own;  
The cars, the house, the cash,  
What matters is how we live and love  
And how we spend the dash.  
So think about this long and hard.  
Are there things you'd like to change?  
For you never know how much time is left,  
That can still be rearranged.  
If we could just slow down enough  
To consider what's true and real  
And always try to understand

## *In Loving Memory*



*Myrle E. Auch*

1927 – 2011



Miller, South Dakota  
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Myrle E. Auch, 83, of St. Lawrence, passed away, Sunday, June 12, 2011 at Dougherty Hospice House in Sioux Falls.

Myrle, son of Emil and Jeanette (Palmer) Auch, was born on November 7, 1927 in Lesterville, SD. As a young child, Myrle and his family moved to a farm near Harrold and later moved to a farm near Highmore. Myrle attended elementary school in Eagle Township and Highmore High School. He enlisted in the U.S. Army in 1946 and was stationed in Fort Monmouth, New Jersey where he was honorably discharged in 1947.

Myrle returned to South Dakota and married Sarah Louise Miller on June 5, 1952 in Onida. The newlyweds lived on a farm near Highmore for a short time before moving to Miller where he began employment as a lineman at Ree Electric Cooperative and retired in 1983. Myrle's love for livestock had humble roots, buying and caring for baby calves in a small pasture on the outskirts of Miller. As the pasture grew smaller, Myrle and Louise purchased a farm near St. Lawrence, where they shared a life together for 59 years.

During Myrle's 31 years with Ree Electric, his interest in livestock continued to grow as he raised registered, prize-winning Suffolk sheep. His passion for animals was vibrant, sharing his experience with young people as a 4-H leader and exhibitor. Myrle was an active member of Trinity Lutheran Church, American Legion, Hand County Livestock Producers Association, and South Dakota Sheep Producers Association.

In his free time, Myrle enjoyed his daily coffee time with friends and playing cards. Above all, he was a loving husband, father, and grandfather who will be greatly missed by all those who loved him and shared his life.

Myrle is survived by his wife, Louise of St. Lawrence; children: Janice (Lynn) Bonebright of Redwood Falls, MN; Gale (Mavis) Auch of Miller, Steve Auch of St. Lawrence, Marlin (Terri) Auch of Miller, and Barbara Auch of Sioux Falls; eight grandchildren: Jennifer (Paul) Nagaoka of Kansas City, MO, Daniel Bonebright of St. Paul, MN, Justin Auch and special friend, Liz Karcz of Reno, NV, Austin Auch of Phoenix, AZ, Dallas (Jordan) Kienow of Miller, Dakota Auch of Miller, and Crystal Killian of Houston, TX; step grandchild, Laura Harper of Houston, TX; four great grandchildren; one brother-in-law, Charles (Lorraine) Miller of Onida and several nieces and nephews.

Preceding him in death were his parents; infant daughter, Judy; sister: Ethel; two brothers-in-law and two sisters-in-law.

To one of the kindest and most selfless people in the world: You will be greatly missed and we love you so much!

*In Loving Memory of*

# *Myrle E. Auch*

November 7, 1927  
Lesterville, South Dakota

June 12, 2011  
Sioux Falls, South Dakota

## **PRAYER SERVICE**

7:00 p.m., Wednesday, June 15, 2011  
Reck Funeral Home ~ Miller, South Dakota

## **FUNERAL SERVICE**

11:00 a.m., Thursday, June 16, 2011  
Trinity Lutheran Church ~ Miller, South Dakota

## **OFFICIATING**

Pastor Bob Ohnstad

## **CASKETBEARERS: Grandchildren**

Jennifer Nagaoka	Austin Auch
Daniel Bonebright	Dakota Auch
Justin Auch	Dallas Kienow

## **HONORARY CASKETBEARERS**

Myrle's Nieces and Nephews

## **EULOGIST**

Chad Wharton

## **SCRIPTURE READERS**

Marsha Dozark – Paul Nagaoka

## **PIANIST**

Collin Otteson

## **MUSICIANS**

John Beranek – “God Bless the U.S.A.”  
John Beranek & Daniel Bonebright – “On Eagle's Wings”

## **CONGREGATIONAL HYMN**

“How Great Thou Art”

## **INTERMENT**

Hillcrest Cemetery  
Miller, South Dakota