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*Miller, South Dakota
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*the shadows lengthen,
the evening comes...
and my work is done*



God's Farm

*God needs someone in heaven
To plow and plant the rows
And when He calls on me,
I know that I must go.
Remember that I won't be gone,
I will just be away,
Working on God's farm
'till we're united again one day.
There will be no storms in heaven
And the fields are long and straight.
When it's time for you to join me,
I'll be waiting inside heaven's gate.
Remember until the day arrives,
When once more our lives we'll share,
To look in the green fields growing
And you'll see me working there.*



Thomas Grogan, 92, of Miller, passed away Thursday, September 1, 2011 at his home with his daughter Gayleen and her husband, Winston at his side.

Thomas Leroy was born December 18, 1918 in Sanborn, Iowa to Cornelius and Ellen (Harns) Grogan. His mother passed away in a car/train accident when Tom was only nine years old. Tom's father subsequently remarried Ann Block and the family moved to Vayland, South Dakota.

On July 3, 1941, Tom married Letha Ilene Anderberg. They enjoyed 65 years together until Ilene's death in September of 2006. Tom spent three years in the 1930's in the Civil Conservation Corps (CCC). On May 15, 1942, Tom was drafted into the United States Army. During WWII, Tom served in England and in Oran, Africa. He received an honorable discharge on October 24, 1945. He was very proud to have served his country and was a member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars for 69 years.

After returning from the war, Tom and Ilene moved to the Ree Heights area for several years. Later moving to the south Hand County area where he worked until he retired in 1983 and moved to Miller. Tom loved his community and his door was always open for visitors.

He was a member of the First Presbyterian Church and served as an usher for many years and where ever he was needed.

Grateful for sharing in his life are his three children: Larry (Velia) Grogan of California, Gayleen (Winston) Ward of Michigan, and Michael (Lerma) Grogan of Louisiana; five grandchildren: Mathew (Cathy) Grogan, Jamie (Roger) Moore, Jim (Kim) Cross, Melissa (Steve) Ottjepka, and Ashley (John) Lambert; five great grandchildren: David, Julie and Olivia Cross and Mason and Maddox Moore; two half-brothers: Cornelius "Jr" Grogan of Iroquois, SD and Robert "Bob" Grogan of Denver, CO; step brother, Kenny Snyder; step-sister, Phyllis Snyder; sister-in-law, Iris Grogan and numerous nieces and nephews.

Tom was preceded in death by his parents; step mother; wife; brothers, John and Lynn; and sisters, Margaret and Doris.

Celebrating A Life

Thomas Leroy Grogan

December 18, 1918
Sanborn, Iowa

September 1, 2011
Miller, South Dakota

FUNERAL SERVICE

10:00 a.m., Tuesday, September 6, 2011
First Presbyterian Church
Miller, South Dakota

OFFICIATING

Rev. Brian Jones

CASKETBEARERS

Barry Grogan	Jerry Grogan	Don Pugh
Jay Pugh	Merle Jenner	Rich Waldrop

HONORARY CASKETBEARERS

George & Donna Melber – Jack & Ramona Ufen
Randy & Mary Christopherson – Jerry Peterka
DeWayne & Ruth Sivertson – Gordon & Marilyn Pollock

USHERS

Casey Schultz – Lyle Williams
Bob Lager

ORGANIST

Kristi Prince

SPECIAL SELECTION

Kea Ufen Dearing – "Spirit of Dakota"
Dedicated to the Miller Community

CONGREGATIONAL HYMNS

"How Great Thou Art"
"Take My Hand, Precious Lord"
"Just As I Am"

INTERMENT

G.A.R. Cemetery ~ Miller, South Dakota
Military Honors by the Miller VFW/American Legion
S.D. National Guard