

Tom Schiltz, 77, of Miller and formerly of Wessington, passed away Sunday, May 13, 2012 at the Golden Living Center in Lake Norden, SD.

Boyd "Tom" Darwin Schiltz was born November 8, 1934 at Highmore, South Dakota to Dewey and Florence (McClure) Schiltz. He attended grade school at the Sand Creek Rural School and graduated from Virgil High School in 1954. He married Donna Fernholz on October 4, 1958 at St. Martins Catholic Church in Huron, South Dakota.

Tom was the inventor of the chain haystack mover, which revolutionized the moving of hay. He remained in the hay moving business until he sold his business in 1972. He then farmed for many years, which lead to the invention of the Schiltz grain bin unloading system and birth of Schiltz Distributing, Inc. Tom and Donna retired and moved to Miller in 2002.

One of Tom's many joys of life was his family, grandchildren and his inventions. After he retired, he enjoyed meeting with his coffee friends in the morning.

He was active in several farm organizations, the Knights of Columbus, St. Joseph Catholic Church in Wessington and St. Ann's Catholic Church in Miller.

He is survived by his wife, Donna of Miller; four children: Doug (Karma) Schiltz of Wolsey, David Schiltz of Ankeny, IA, Brenda (David) Struck of Wolsey, and Terry (Nancy) Schiltz of Huron; seven grandchildren; five step grandchildren; four great grandchildren; sister, Marilyn Bushong of Renton, WA and brother, Bruce (Marge) Schiltz of Sioux Falls; and many nieces and nephews.

Proceeding him in death were his parents; sister and brother-in-law, Marlene (James) Miedema; and brother-in-law, Joe Bushong.

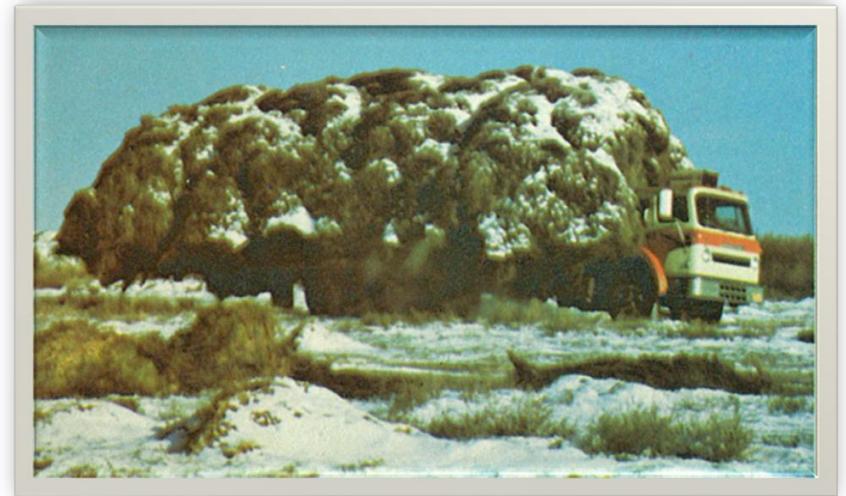
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Miller, South Dakota
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In Loving Memory



Boyd "Tom" Schiltz

1934



2012

You didn't die just recently,
You died some time ago.
Although your body stayed a while,
And didn't really know.

For you had got Alzheimers,
You failed to comprehend.
Your body went on living.
But your mind had reached its end.

So we've already said, "Goodbye",
To the person that we knew.
The person that we truly loved,
The person that was, "You".

And so we meet again today,
To toast your bodies end.
For it was true and faithful,
Until right at the end.

And so, when we remember,
We'll think of all the rest.
We'll concentrate on earlier,
And remember all the best.

For in the real scheme of things,
Your illness wasn't long.
Compared to all the happiness,
You brought your whole life long.

We think of you as yesterday,
When you were fit and well.
And when we're asked about you,
It's those things that we'll tell.

And so we meet in 'membrance,
Of a mind so fit and true.
We're here to pay our last respects
To say that, "WE LOVE YOU".

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Boyd "Tom" Schiltz

November 8, 1934
Highmore, South Dakota

May 13, 2012
Lake Norden, South Dakota

PRAYER SERVICE

7:00 p.m., Wednesday, May 16, 2012

St. Ann's Catholic Church ~ Miller, South Dakota

MASS OF CHRISTIAN BURIAL

10:30 a.m., Thursday, May 17, 2012

St. Joseph Catholic Church ~ Wessington, South Dakota

CELEBRANT: Father Chester Murtha

CASKETBEARERS

George Wilson	Tom Noble	Gordon Schroeder
Clair Bonebright	Jim Schick	Kelly Fernholz

HONORARY CASKETBEARERS

All Tom's Grandchildren

PLACING OF THE PALL

Doug, David, Brenda & Terry

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER: Marilyn Fitzgerald

USHERS: Bruce & Jim Bonebright

LECTOR: Ed Fitzgerald

GIFTBEARERS: Marlys Bonebright & Mary Rowen

ORGANIST: Jonnie Zvonek

MUSIC SELECTIONS

"Here I Am, Lord" – "Just a Closer Walk with Thee"

"One Bread, One Body" – "Celtic Song of Farewell"

"How Great Thou Art"

INTERMENT

St. Joseph Catholic Cemetery ~ Wessington, South Dakota

Everyone is invited to join the family for lunch and fellowship at the Wessington Auditorium following the committal service.