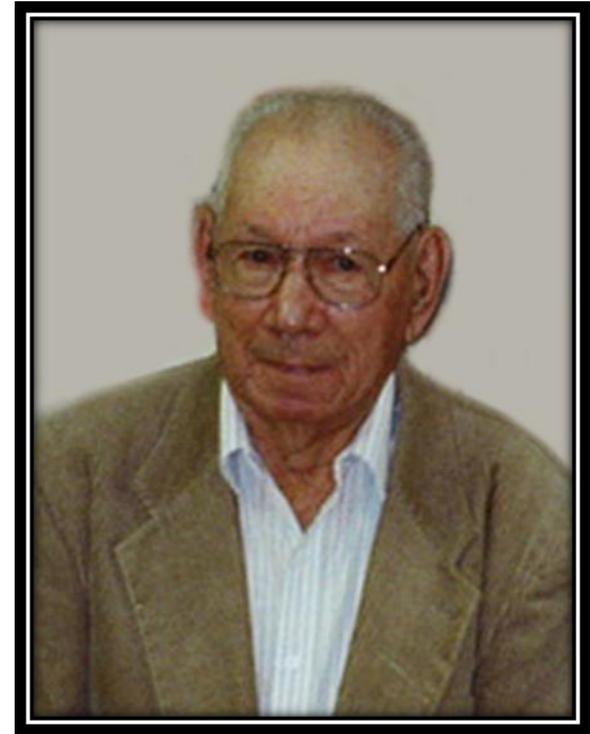




*Daddy's hands were soft and  
kind when I was cryin'.  
Daddy's hands, were hard  
as steel when I'd done wrong.  
Daddy's hands, weren't always gentle  
But I've come to understand  
There was always love ...  
In Daddy's hands.*

## *In Loving Memory*



*Robert A. Fratzke*

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*December 17, 1918 - October 4, 2012*

*Arrangements Entrusted To*



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*Robert A. Fratzke*, 93, of Miller, passed away Thursday,

October 4, 2012 at the Good Samaritan Society, Miller.

Robert was born December 17, 1918 at De Grey, South Dakota to Charles and Myrtle (Jones) Fratzke. One of ten children, he schooled and worked his early years in the De Grey area. During the depression years he worked on projects with the Civilian Conservation Corp. Robert joined the United States Army in November 1941 and was assigned to the 73<sup>rd</sup> engineers where he became an equipment operator on construction of the Al-Can highway. He later served in the European Theatre until March of 1945. After his tour of duty, he returned to South Dakota where would reside his entire life.

On February 12, 1944 he married Alice Hancock. To this union were born three children; Carl, Merle and Mary. Alice passed away at the early age of 44 due to cancer. Robert married Ruth Morrison in 1971.

Robert was involved in farming, ranching, logging and truck driving. After moving to Miller in 1966, he drove propane delivery trucks for Porter Gas and later Niederauer Oil Company until his retirement.

Robert was an avid fisherman and hunter; a passion he enjoyed sharing with others. Robert was fortunate to have lived in a period when a handshake was a man's word and honor. He lived to see us transition from horse and buggies to shuttle launches to the moon.

He is survived by his wife, Ruth; his three children: Carl (Glenis) Fratzke, Merle (Bobbi) Fratzke and Mary (Graham) Lawrie; Ruth's children: David, Sylvia and Duane; and numerous grandchildren, great grandchildren and great-great grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents; his wife, Alice; his parents-in-law; nine brothers and sisters: Bill, Vern, Ken, Elmer, Melvin, Ruth, Blanche, Mildred and Garnet; Alice's six brothers and sisters: Warren, Lowell, Howard, Dorothy, Marian and Ethel.

# Bob Fratzke

December 17, 1918  
De Grey, South Dakota

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## *Funeral Service*

10:30 a.m., Tuesday, October 9, 2012  
First Presbyterian Church – Miller, South Dakota

## *Minister*

Rev. Brian Jones

## *Casketbearers*

Scott Fratzke	Monte Fratzke	Jason Dyer
Bruce Shepherd	Kenny Wulff	Mike Hammill

## *Honorary Casketbearers*

All Gas Customers – Bubble Gum Kids  
Family & Friends

## *Organist*

Kristi Prince

## *Soloist*

David Fremark – “Daddy’s Hands”

## *Congregational Hymn*

“Amazing Grace”

## *Interment*

Hillcrest Cemetery – Miller, South Dakota  
Military Honors