

In Loving Memory

Robert Dean Tong

PRAYER SERVICE:

7:00 p.m., Tuesday, February 11, 2014
First Presbyterian Church
Miller, South Dakota

FUNERAL SERVICE:

2:00 p.m., Wednesday, February 12, 2014
First Presbyterian Church
Miller, South Dakota

MINISTERS: Pastors Brian Jones & Glenn Stewart

CASKETBEARERS:

Jerry Heezen	Rich Waldrop	Jeff Gnat
Paul Fulton	John Goehring	Terry Manning
LaVern Christopherson		Rick Lacher

HONORARY CASKETBEARERS:

Class of 1982 – Fire Department

USHERS:

Philip Testerman – Casey Schultz

PIANIST:

Kristi Prince

MUSICAL SELECTIONS:

“Go Rest High on That Mountain”
“The Old Rugged Cross” – “In the Garden”

INTERMENT:

G.A.R. Cemetery
Miller, South Dakota

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*Arrangements Entrusted To*



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.



You are not forgotten,  
*loved one*  
Nor will you ever be,  
As long as life and memory last  
We will remember thee,  
We miss you now, our hearts are sore  
As time goes by we'll miss you more.  
*Your loving smile,  
your gentle face,*  
No one can fill  
your vacant place.

You Are Not Forgotten

*Rob Tong*, 50, of Miller, passed away Saturday, February 8, 2014 at the Avera Hand County Memorial Hospital, Miller.

Robert Dean Tong was born to Diana (Huisman) and Bob Tong on December 1, 1963. He attended Mondamin School through the 8th grade and graduated from Miller High School in 1982. He worked for John McEnelly at the Purina Feed Store right out of high school. His love was always how things worked and he wanted to farm. He made that desire into a reality. He took a lot of pride in the farm and his handy work is evident everywhere we look.

When the "south hand" community banded together to make a place for a fire truck donated from the Miller Fire Department, the South Hand Fire Department was born. Rob became the local fire chief and devoted his time to the cause. Rob enjoyed having coffee with the neighbors, playing cards, watching Nascar races. He always had time to help out a neighbor, to talk about the crops, to discuss machinery. Rob loved animals, watching wildlife, and hunting deer.

On Jan 16, 2014, Rob was diagnosed with advanced pancreatic cancer at Avera St Luke's Hospital in Aberdeen, SD. He endured a whirlwind of procedures by his medical team in Aberdeen who tried everything humanly possible. On Friday, January 31<sup>st</sup>, he received word that they could not do anymore. Rob came back to Avera Hand County Memorial Hospital to be close to his friends and family.

Rob is survived by his mother and father, Diana and Bob Tong of Miller; his brother, Jeff Tong (Jane Keller) of Miller; three aunts, Gloria Myers of Ipswich and family, Susie Hammond and family of West Portsmouth, Ohio, and Malita Swank and family of Hillsboro, Ohio; and uncle, Bernie (Ginger) Huisman and family of Miller.

He was preceded in death by his paternal grandparents, Robert and Mary Tong; uncle, Steve Tong; his maternal grandparents, Dean and Elaine Huisman and uncle, Dave Myers.