

Holding Hands

Watching the old couple
walking hand in hand, two steadfast friends,
many years of love, sharing life for better, for worse
now holding on to each other not wanting to lose
that precious anchor.

Their hands find each other automatically,
a perfect fit, in harmony familiar
like they were always together
their warmth, their feel, their rhythmic embrace
forgetful of the first shy kiss, they introduced.

In youthful innocence
that first touch, so hesitant, so electric
explore the magnetism the thrill
of new-found love.

The old, familiar hands
were once strangers, were once awkward
were once timid experiencing new textures
and new sensations, instruments of the heart.

Their hands,
worn of work and care, have earned a living
have cooked, have wiped a feverish brow
have waved goodbye, have guided
have held on, have let go,
rest now in the comfort of each other.

The youthful thrill of exploration
has evolved through many journeys
hand in hand, blending hearts and souls,
so now, the hands' embrace
is a bond, a lifeline, a togetherness
an acceptance, a reassurance
that they have had a partner
in this life, that they fit each other
and are not alone.

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In Loving Memory



Donald C. Holley

January 14, 1926

June 8, 2014



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Funeral Service

10:00 a.m., Friday, June 13, 2014

First Presbyterian Church – Miller, South Dakota

Minister: Rev. Brian Jones

Casketbearers: *Grandchildren*

Kristi Butler	Kandi Heal	Cory Harvey
Chad Harvey	Tami Melendez	Toby Harvey
Jill Knudsen		Drew Danburg

Honorary Casketbearers

Great Grandchildren – City of Miller Crew
Friends and Neighbors

Ushers: Philip Testerman & Whitey Wieland

Organist: Janet Fritzsche

Vocalists

Wanda Stevens – *“One Day At A Time”*
Jill Knudsen & Lorelei Simons – *“Daddy’s Hands”*

Congregational Hymn

“The Old Rugged Cross”

Interment

Hillcrest Cemetery – Miller, South Dakota
With Military Honors

Whistler: Carole Skinner – *“Always”*

Donald C. Holley, 88, of Miller, passed away Sunday, June 8, 2014 at the Good Samaritan Society of Miller.

Donald Holley was born January 14, 1926 to Clarence and Edna (Banks) Holley in Wells, Minnesota, where he grew up. After Don was discharged from the Navy, he married Bernice on June 25, 1946 in San Francisco. They hopped a bus back to the Midwest, where Don took various jobs, including construction, helping to build the Hand County Hospital, Stobbs filling station, the meat locker, and the new addition to City Hall. Then he worked at various farms around Wessington and Miller, South Dakota. In January 1967 he and Bernice bought their first and only house in Miller. Don worked at Wilson Ready Mix and drove school bus initially and then in 1969 started at the City of Miller Water Department, where he continued until retirement in 1990.

Don was a life member of the VFW, a Mason, a volunteer fireman, and a volunteer at the Miller Presbyterian Church. He was a loving husband, devoted father and proud grandfather of his grandchildren and great grandchildren.

He is survived by his three daughters: Donna (Tom) Cotton of Valley Springs, Kathy (Dennis) Harvey of Wolsey, and Vicki Holley of Aberdeen; one son, Dan (Sherry Nolan) Holley of Minneapolis, MN; eight grandchildren: Kristi Butler, Kandi Heal, Cory Harvey, Chad Harvey, Tami Melendez, Toby Harvey, Jill Knudsen, and Drew Danburg; 28 great grandchildren: Branden Butler, Blake Butler, Bryce Butler, Wyatt Heal, Colton Heal, Juliene Knudsen, Parker Knudsen, Sydney Knudsen, Izabella Erickson, Landon Danburg, Ava Danburg, Grace Danburg, Brandon Hess, Hailey Melendez, Anthony Melendez, Dylan Harvey, Dakota Harvey, Kayla Hash, Kaitlin Schmitt, Keisha Grubb, Kaelub Grubb, Karlie Harvey, Taryn Harvey, Dawson Harvey, Logan Harvey, Mackenzie Harvey, Brittany Harvey, and Joshua Harvey; one great-great granddaughter, Elara Hash; sister, Betty Walters and sister-in-law, Alice Campbell; several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Bernice; his parents; one granddaughter, Kelly Hess; one brother, Harold Holley and one sister, Helen Lima.