

*I Do Not Go Alone*

If Death should beckon me  
with outstretched hand  
And whisper softly  
of "an unknown land"...

I shall not be  
afraid to go,  
For though the path  
I do not know...

I take *Death's hand*  
without a fear,  
For He who safely  
brought me here...

Will also take me  
safely back,  
And though in many  
things I lack...

He will not let  
me go alone  
Into the "valley  
that's unknown"...

So I reach out  
and take *Death's hand*  
And journey  
to the "Promised Land"!



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*In Loving Memory*  
CELEBRATING A LIFE

## Jasper E. Shaw

March 15, 1930 - October 5, 2014

### FUNERAL SERVICE:

10:00 a.m., Friday, October 10, 2014  
First United Methodist Church  
Miller, South Dakota

MINISTER: Rev. Brian Jones

### CASKETBEARERS:

Gerry Shaw - Brent Morford - Stephen Shaw  
Brian Morford - Seth Benson - Eric Shaw

### HONORARY CASKETBEARERS:

Sheena Sinkgraven - Beth Bowen - Nicolette Uden  
All His Great Grandchildren & Many Friends

USHERS: Lloyd Schwartz & Dennis Fawcett

PIANIST: Linda Blackburn

SOLOIST: Bobbi Larson

"Thank You Lord, For Your Blessings On Me"  
"I Will Rise" - "On Eagle's Wings"

CONGREGATIONAL HYMN:

"How Great Thou Art"

INTERMENT:

Morningside Cemetery - Ree Heights, S.D.  
Military & Masonic Rites

*Hope Strength*



*In Loving*  
M E M O R Y

## Jasper E. Shaw





Jasper Shaw, 84, of Miller, passed away Sunday, October 5, 2014 at the Avera Dougherty Hospice House in Sioux Falls.

Jasper was born on March 15, 1930 in Highmore, SD to Charlotte Emma (Deuter) and Ernest E Shaw. He was a child of the “Great Depression – Dirty Thirties”. Their family worked hard, as well as others of that generation to provide for their families and persevere during such troubling times. He attended Steptoe and Haas Country Schools, graduating from 8th grade in 1944. World War II began and many of the men were called to go serve their country, leaving many younger kids to do the farm work for their families and hire out to the neighbors so his higher education was put on hold, finally completing his GED in March of 1972.

Jasper married Patricia Ann Ellsworth on June 25, 1952 in Redfield, SD. He was drafted into the United States Army on July 26, 1954 serving at Fort Bliss, TX; Fort Belvoir, VA; Camp Kilmer, NJ; England, Germany, and France. While he was in Europe, he was a member of the 7962nd Army Unit’s 25-voice male choir, (“The Choraleers”) in Orleans, France. The group won the European Choral Contest and placed second in the worldwide Army finals. He came home July 6, 1956, and continued to serve his country in the South Dakota Army National Guard attaining Staff Sergeant retiring in 1989.

He had many different occupations throughout his lifetime always providing for his family.

Jasper served the Miller community for 28 years working at the City Police Department and Parks Department. He also served on the Miller Volunteer Fire Department for 19 years and was a life member of the American Legion, VFW Post #3214, Marine Corp League, SD Peace Officers Association; SD Firefighters Association, Hand County Senior Citizens, Ducks Unlimited, Masonic Lodge of Ree Heights (Speirs Lodge), and Miller (St Lawrence Lodge # 39). He also joined the Consistory to be inducted into the Shriners. He was a member of the Greenleaf Methodist and First United Methodist Church in Miller serving on several boards, committees along with being a member of the church choir and Methodist Men’s for many years. Throughout his life, he was an avid sportsman; enjoying hunting and fishing.

He enjoyed working for the Parks Department and his many friends at the City of Miller, often receiving many compliments on the appearance of the parks. Jasper truly enjoyed life, his family and his many friends.

He is survived by his wife of 62 years, Patricia Ann Shaw; seven children and their spouses: Lowell (Karen) Shaw, Ronald Shaw, James Shaw, Judy (Keith) Morford, Jeanette (Kim) Benson, Joe (Rita) Shaw, and Mary Shaw; 11 grandchildren; six great grandchildren; sister, Charlotte Rickerl; and many nieces and nephews.

Preceding him in death are his parents, Ernest and Charlotte Shaw; his parents-in-law, George and Della Ellsworth; sister, Grace and brother-in-law, Carson George; brother-in-law, Norbert Rickerl; and daughter-in-law, Debra Shaw.