

God saw he was getting tired
And a cure was not to be,
So He put His arms around him
And whispered "Come with me."

With tearful eyes
We watched him suffer
And saw him fade away
Although we loved him dearly,
We would not make him stay.

A golden heart stopped beating,
Hard working hands to rest.
God broke our hearts to prove to us
He only takes the best.



In Loving Memory
CELEBRATING A LIFE

Roger L. Bertsch

Funeral Service:
10:00 a.m., Monday, October 17, 2016
Trinity Lutheran Church - Miller, South Dakota

Minster: Rev. Max Miller

Casketbearers: Grandchildren
Allison & Adam Bertsch,
Kayla & Charles Fawcett,
Kyle & Ashley Bertsch,
Clayton, Cassidy, Karli Ann & Kennedy Keck,
Garrett & Gavin Neyens,
Matthew & Michael Bertsch

Honorary Casketbearers:
All his family & friends

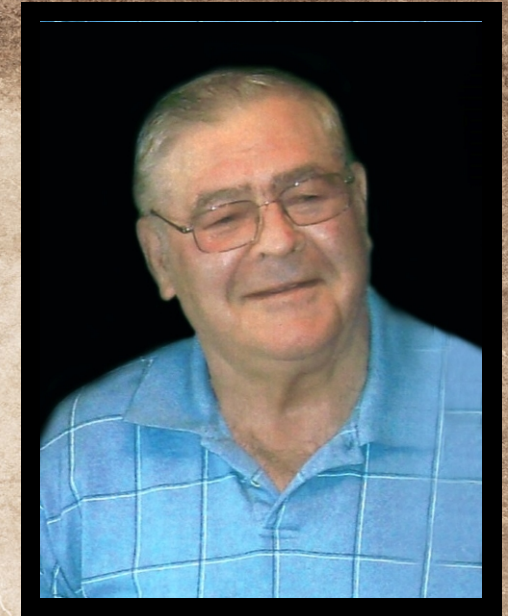
Pianist: Kristi Prince

Vocalist: Shane Bertsch
"Blessed Assurance"

Congregational Hymns:
"Great Is Thy Faithfulness"
"How Great Thou Art"

Interment:
St. Lawrence Cemetery
St. Lawrence, South Dakota

Arrangements Entrusted To
Reck Funeral Home - Miller, South Dakota
www.familyfuneralhome.net



Roger L. Bertsch
1941 - 2016



God's Farm

Roger L. Bertsch, 75, of Miller, passed away Monday, October 10, 2016 at the Good Samaritan Society in Miller.

Roger LeRoy Bertsch was born September 16, 1941 at Miller, SD to Ewald and Leona (Christman) Bertsch. He attended Odessa Country School through 8th grade and graduated from Miller High School in 1959. He worked at First National Bank in Miller after graduation. While in high school he met Myrna Testerman and they were married July 1, 1960. At this time, they began farming full time north of St. Lawrence where they made their home for 52 years. They moved to Miller in 2012.

Roger's true passion was farming and he especially loved harvest time. He also had a great love of the outdoors, hunting pheasants and deer, and fishing. Spending time enjoying these hobbies with his kids and grandkids was one of his favorite things. Roger made many good friends while selling Conklin products and seed. He and Myrna enjoyed many fun vacations through those companies. He loved auctions, visiting, and any card game with neighbors, friends and family. He was an active member of Trinity Lutheran Church and served on the Holden Township Board for many years.

He is survived by his wife, Myrna; children Randy Bertsch of Miller, Kent (Janet) Bertsch of St. Lawrence, Suzanne (Dan) Keck of St. Lawrence, Dianne (Gary) Neyens of Miller, and Marty (Michele) Bertsch of Watertown; sister, Shirley (Glen) Cornwell of Texas; brother, Gary (Beth) Bertsch of Florida; 13 grandchildren: Allison and Adam Bertsch; Kayla (Charles) Fawcett, Kyle and Ashley Bertsch; Clayton, Cassidy, Karli Ann and Kennedy Keck; Garrett and Gavin Neyens; Matthew and Michael Bertsch; one great-grandchild, Morgan Fawcett; sister-in-law, Jerry (Terry) Meek of Webster; brother-in-law, Douglas (JoAnn) Testerman of St. Lawrence; and many nieces, nephews, and cousins.

He was preceded in death by his parents; parents-in-law, Russel and Berniece Testerman; brothers-in-law: Larry Testerman and Jess Collins; daughter-in-law, Rene' Bertsch; and grandson Casey Keck.

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.

