

In Loving Memory
Dad

He never looked for praises
He was never one to boast
He just went on quietly working
For the ones he loved the most.

His dreams were seldom spoken
His wants were very few
And most of the time his worries
Went unspoken too.

He was there...A firm foundation
Through all our storms of life
A study hand to hold on to
In times of stress and strife.

A true friend we could turn to
When times were good or bad
One of our greatest blessings
The man that we called Dad.

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Remembering
THE LIFE OF
Ola Ray Harrell

July 30, 1924 - December 13, 2016



Ola Ray Harrell, 92, of Miller, passed away Tuesday, December 13, 2016 at Avera Hand County Memorial Hospital, Miller.

Ola Ray Harrell was born July 30, 1924 on the family farm in Follett, Texas, a small farm and ranch town in the far northeast corner of the Texas Panhandle. He was the sixth child of Creed Audust and Alice (Clark) Harrell.

Ole grew up on the family farm outside Follett, attending grade school and high school in Follett. He graduated from Follett High School in 1943 and worked on the family farm until September 1944 when he joined the United States Navy. He attended "boot camp" at Camp Farragut, Idaho, graduating in January 1945. After boot camp, Ole reported to Port Chicago, CA. where he served until his discharge from the US Navy in 1946.

He farmed with his family in TX until moving to Miller, SD on March 7, 1949 where the family had bought more land. Ole continued farming in Miller with his family until he met and married Ruth Eschenbaum Bechtold. The couple raised six children while farming at several locations in central SD. All six children graduated from Miller High School. He also milked dairy cows until about 1976. Ole served on the Alpha Township Board from 1979 – 2011. In that time, he served several years as president of the Township Board. Ruth served as Treasurer of the Township Board from 1991-1997.

Ole is survived by his children: Dennis (Joy) Bechtold of Fruita, CO; Ken Bechtold of Huron, SD; Teresa Venjohn of Watertown, SD; Delvin Harrell of Englewood, CO; Melvin (LeeAnn) Harrell of Groton, SD; Bill (Correen) Harrell of Omaha, NE; 14 grandchildren; 18 great-grandchildren; his sister, Erma Hunter of Oklahoma City, OK; his brother, Max (Wanda) Harrell of Miller, SD; and many nieces, nephews, and other relatives.

Ole was preceded in death by his wife, Ruth; his parents, Creed and Alice; three brothers; and one sister.

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T H E L I F E O F

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Funeral Service:

10:00 a.m., Saturday, December 17, 2016

Trinity Lutheran Church

Miller, South Dakota

Minister: Rev. Max Miller

Casketbearers:

Lynn Harrell, Harry Harrell, Darvin Harrell,

Kurt Joy, Jim Eschenbaum, Rick Batin

Honorary Casketbearers:

Jeff Eschenbaum, Harrison Eschenbaum, Keith Joy

Pianist: Jill Simpson

Vocalist: Trish Harrell

Music Selections:

"The Old Rugged Cross"

"How Great Thou Art"

"One Day At A Time"

Interment:

G.A.R. Cemetery

Miller, South Dakota