



Arrangements Entrusted To
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In Loving Memory
CELEBRATING A LIFE

Memorial Service:

10:00 a.m., Friday, December 21, 2018
Trinity Lutheran Church - Miller, South Dakota

Minister: Rev. Max Miller

Urnbearers:

John Fanning - Jason Gilk

Honorary Urnbearers:

All Roger's Grandchildren & Great Grandchildren
Stephanie & Aidan Harrison, Brent Swaney,
Tyler & Jaiden Swaney, Kelsey & Dean McQuiston,
Kyle DeReu, Melvin LeVeque

Eulogist: Susie Oligmueller

Readers:

Kelsey McQuiston - Stephanie Harrison

Usher: Mike Namanny

Pianist: Jill Simpson

Vocalist: Lori Fremark

"Amazing Grace, My Chains Are Gone"

Musical Selections:

"Down To The River To Pray"

"Borning Cry"

Interment with Military Honors:

G.A.R. Cemetery - Miller, South Dakota



Celebrating THE *Life* OF

Roger Neil Engelcke

June 1, 1935 - December 13, 2018



*God looked around his garden
and he found an empty place
He looked down upon the Earth
and saw your tired face.
He put His arms around you
and lifted you to rest
God's garden must be beautiful,
He always takes the best.
He knew that you were suffering
He knew you were in pain
He knew that you would never
Get well on Earth again.
He saw that the road
was getting rough,
and the hills were hard to climb.
So He closed your weary eyelids
and whispered "Peace Be Thine."
It broke our hearts to lose you,
but you didn't go alone.
For part of us went with you
the day God called you home.*

Roger Neil Engelcke was born in Miller on June 1, 1935, to Adolph and Verna (Rau) Engelcke. He attended school at Miller. After school, Roger worked several jobs until he was drafted into the Army on October 10, 1957 and honorably discharged on September 30, 1959. He returned to Miller where he worked for Hand County until 1962. He went to work for Ree Electric Cooperative as a lineman for 25 years. After his retirement, he worked driving the Senior Citizen bus in Miller for 15 years. He and his wife LaVonne both retired in March of 2002.

In 1957, Roger married LaVonne Luella Fechner at the Trinity Lutheran Church in Miller. They loved camping and cooking out with friends and family. Roger enjoyed fishing while Vonnie curled up with a good book. He was an avid deer hunter and ice fisherman. He thrived on sitting in his deer stand, sitting in the goose pits and going on fishing trips to Canada with his buddies. In his younger days, he enjoyed playing golf and baseball, and was part of the 1950 State Championship Teener Baseball Team. Roger was a "people person", and he had quite a sense of humor. He loved sharing stories with his grandchildren and buddies. Roger lived in Miller for 78 years until moving to Pierre in 2013.

Roger and LaVonne have three daughters: Pam (Mike) DeReu of Custer, Susan (Todd) Oligmueller of Pierre, and Lori (Duran) Swaney of St. Lawrence; the light of his life were his grandchildren and great grandchildren: Stephanie (Dusty) Harrison and son, Aidan of Sturgis, Brent Swaney of Miller, Tyler Swaney and daughter, Jaiden of Miller/Wessington, Kelsey (Matt) McQuiston and son, Dean of Pierre, Kyle (Galen) DeReu of Minneapolis, Melvin (Tracy) LeVeque of Elkton. (Adopted son of Todd and Susie).

He was preceded in death by his parents, Adolph and Verna Engelcke; his wife, LaVonne Engelcke; daughter, Lori Swaney; and his in-laws Ed and Luella Fechner.

