



#### Qualities Needed To Become A Government Trapper

1. It takes strong legs and arms so when environmentalists are pulling one arm, politicians are pulling the other, ranchers are pulling one leg, and supervisors pulling the other, you won't pull apart.
2. It takes strong shoulders, because there is a lot of crying that takes place on them, most of which are the trapper's own tears.
3. A trapper must be willing to shoulder undue criticism and judgment from coffee shop trappers whose grandfathers were great wolf trappers sixty years ago.
4. It takes a lot of patience when no one else has any, except of course the coyote.
5. A trapper must have the heart of an executioner and at the same time a soul of a dove.
6. He must show a silent, outward confidence, even when the pain in his gut has him bowled over because of unassuranc of himself at times.
7. To sum it up, it takes a person who is sure of himself, never faltering, a pillar never to be moved, passionate, and at the same time tough. One who knows what he's doing, where he's going, and how to get there.
8. It takes all these qualities and much, much more to become an effective trapper, most of which this trapper has not accomplished and probably never will. But it comforts me in knowing that no matter how imperfect I am, there was a man who walked the earth over 2,000 years ago who was perfect and walks by my side today on my trapline making perfect the path of an imperfect person.

#### Visitation:

12:00 p.m., Friday, March 19, 2021  
Wessington Springs United Methodist Church  
Wessington Springs, South Dakota

#### Funeral Service:

2:00 p.m., Friday, March 19, 2021  
Wessington Springs United Methodist Church  
Wessington Springs, South Dakota

#### Minister:

Pastor Zach Kingery

#### Casketbearers: *Grandchildren*

Blake Dirksen - Amber Werdel  
Kevin Werdel - Weston Waters  
Matt Waters - Jesse Block

#### Honorary Casketbearers:

Lou Huffman - Kenny Johnson - Pat Hoarty  
Brad Buescher - Omar Halvorson - Rich Joy  
Tom Miranda - Tex Fulton  
A Host of Trapping & Hunting Buddies

#### Musicians:

Brian Bergeleen  
Kaycee Coleman

#### Pianist:

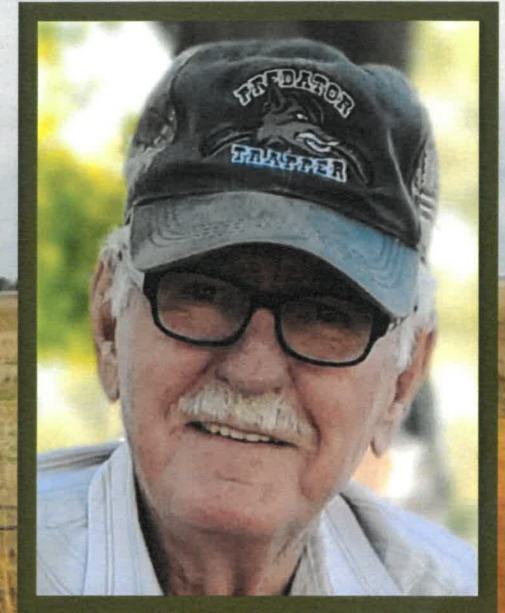
Lisa Edwards

#### Musical Selections:

"Old Rugged Cross"  
"Come to Jesus"  
"Amazing Grace (My Chains are Gone)"  
"Calling Me Home"  
"I'll Fly Away"

#### Interment:

Summit Cemetery  
Summit, South Dakota



*Celebrating*  
THE LIFE OF

**Odon Edward Corr**

September 24, 1933 - March 17, 2021





Odon Edward Corr was born September 24, 1933 in Ellendale, MN to Edward and Borghild (Halvorson) Corr. In 1937, his family moved to a farm near Summit, SD and later moved into town where his mother and siblings ran the Summit Cafe. He learned to skin and trap from his mother, loved riding horses, and enjoyed the Spring Valley Rodeo Club on Sundays. After graduating from Summit High School, he married Carolyn Lien in 1954 and to this union four children were born. Also, in 1954, Odon enlisted in the US Army during the Korean Conflict, and was stationed in Alaska where he was assigned to the ski patrol. After his honorable discharge from the Army, he attended three years at SDSU.

In 1962, Odon accepted a position with the Fur, Fish and Game and moved his family to Miller. The next 20 years were spent trying to control the coyote population for the state government. Along the trapline, he found numerous ranch and farm friends that continued to be a large part of his life. He trapped privately in the 1970's when furs were at a premium. In 1981, he began his next 15 years working for the federal government in animal damage control, living in Steele, ND. In 1996, he retired and moved to his heaven on earth, the "Corr Ranch", near Wessington Springs. In 2007, Odon married Joan Husman.

Odon raised registered Airedale Terriers for many years. His Airedale bloodline is spread throughout the United States. Later, his well-known Jackdale breed became used by many hunters and trappers throughout America.

Odon had a deep respect and passion for animals and the outdoors. Hunting, trapping, and fishing were all second nature to Odon and he thoroughly enjoyed the stories behind all the adventures. He was a long-time member of Fur Takers of America and National Trappers Association. He annually traveled to national conventions where he often demonstrated his trapping skills and peddled his educational DVD on coyote trapping. The conventions became an annual reunion for many of his trapping friends throughout the nation.

Odon is fondly remembered by his family, including his children: daughter, Jodie (Michael) Dirksen, Nancy (Wayne Kolbeck) Froning, and Karie (Brian VanBuren) Waters; grandchildren: Blake (Rachael) Dirksen, Riley (Loni) Dirksen, Margaret (Alex) Rechkemmer, Amber (Kevin) Werdel, Keaton Corr, Jerrica (Bronze) Charbonneau, Shawn (Jesse) Block, Weston (Chelsea) Waters, Matt (Natasha) Waters; 11 great grandchildren; sisters: Anita (Keith) Sharf, Barb (Kent) McCreight; cousins: Omar (Janice) Halvorson, Mary (Al) Goulet; and a host of nieces and nephews.

Odon was preceded in death by both wives, sister, Corrine Kohn; son, Gregory Corr; son in law, David Froning; and great grandchild, Oliver Block.

## Springtime Paradise

I walked with Spring along a path  
Where roses took a dew-dropped bath,  
Where lilacs' white and purple hues  
Salute the day with rave reviews.

I danced with Spring along a creek  
Where frisky frogs played hide and seek,  
Where dogwood trees wore lacy gowns  
Neath canopies of cotton crowns.

The earth stood still, my cares took flight;  
My soul was filled with pure delight.  
I walked with Spring where Nature trod  
And gazed upon the face of God.

-Nora M. Bozeman



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FUNERAL HOMES

Arrangements Entrusted to  
Reck Funeral Home - Miller, South Dakota  
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