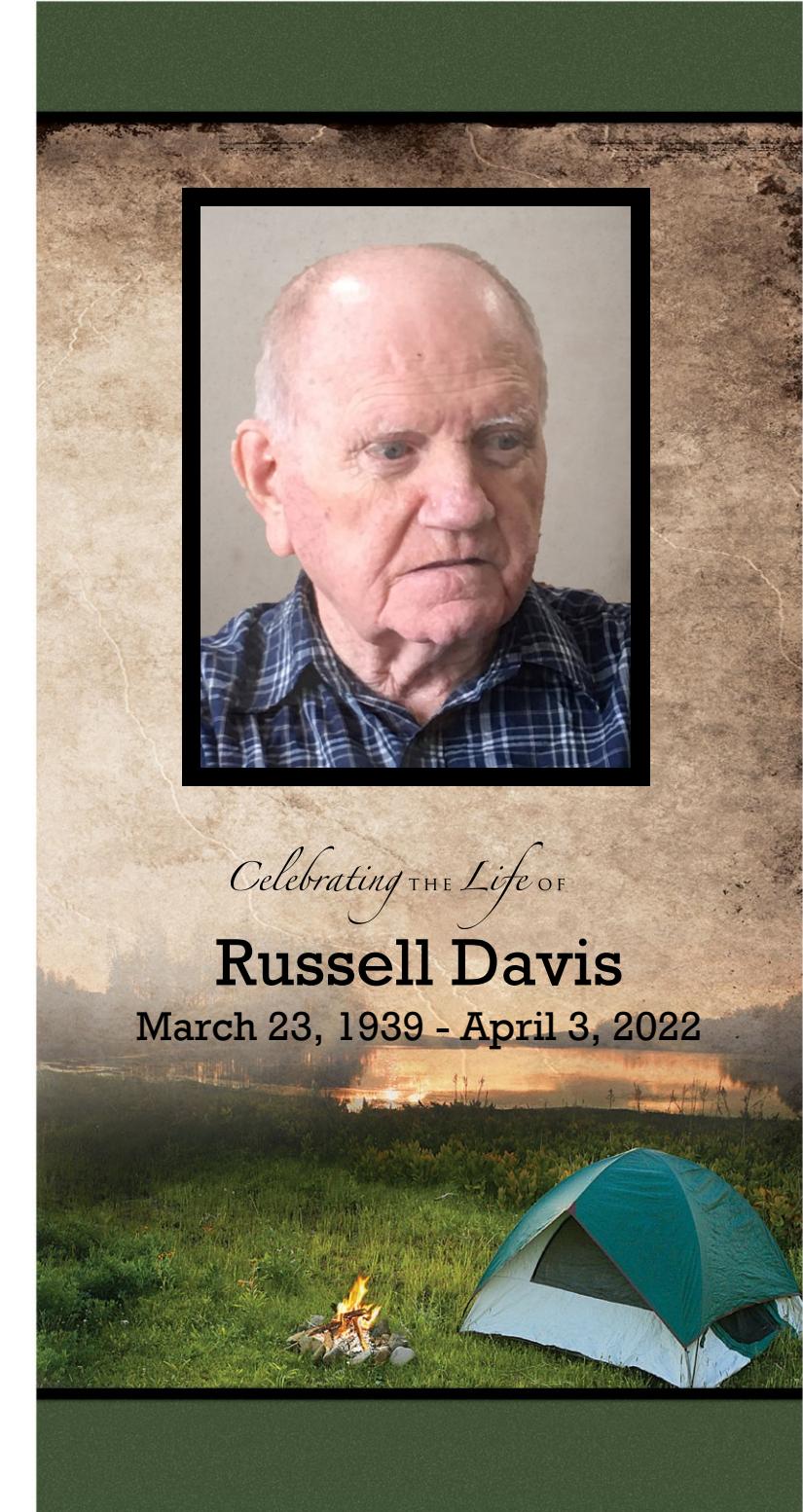
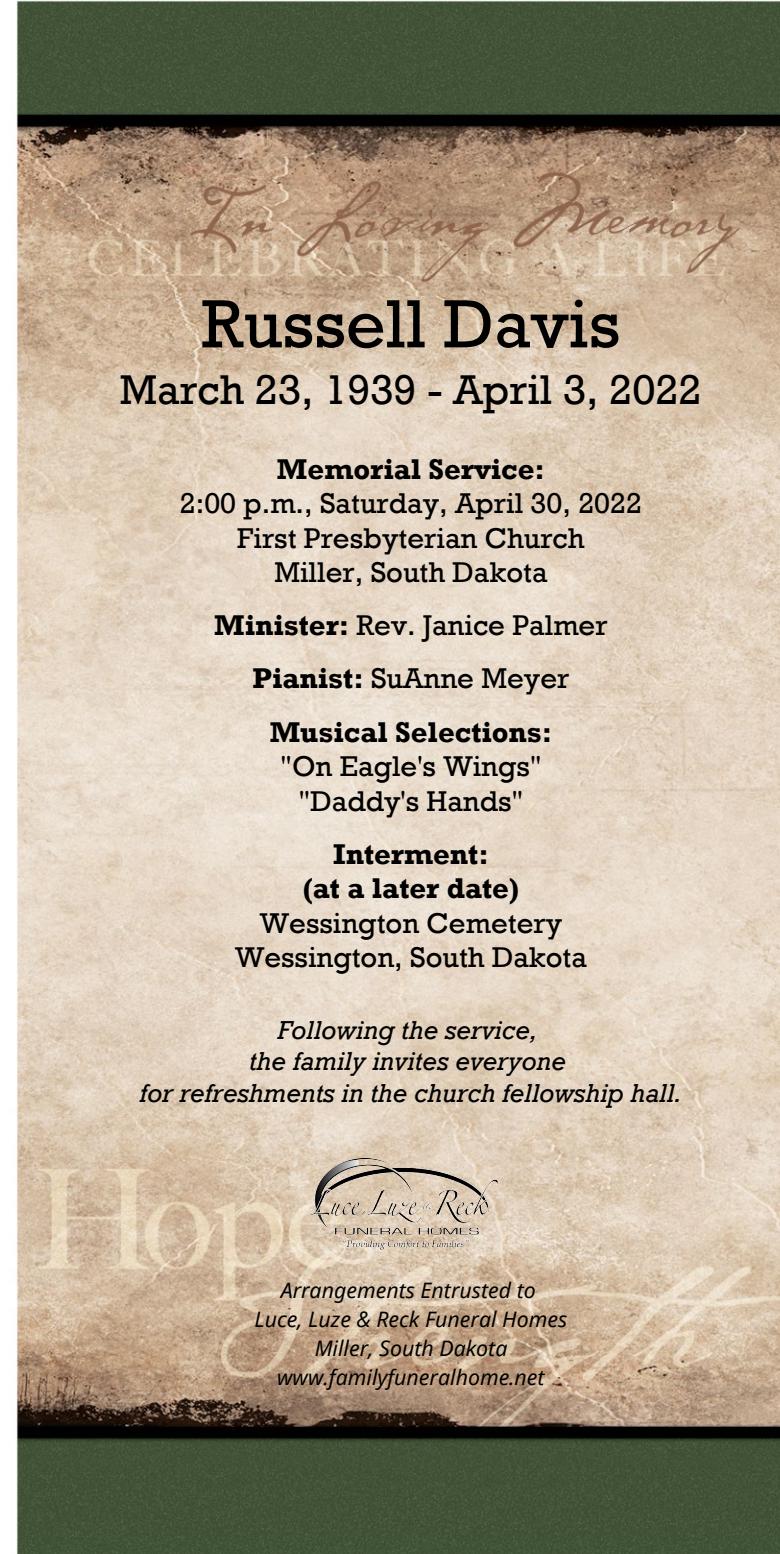


Don't grieve for me, for now I'm free
I'm following the path God laid for me.
I took His hand when I heard Him call
I turned my back and left it all I could not stay another day
To laugh, to love, to work or play
Tasks left undone must stay that way
I found that peace at the close of the day
If my parting has left a void
Then fill it with remembered *Joy*
A friendship shared,
a laugh, a kiss Ah, yes, these things I too will miss
Be not burdened with times of sorrow
I wish for you the sunshine of tomorrow
My life has been full, I've savored much
Good friends, good times,
a loved one's touch
Perhaps my time seemed all too brief
Don't lengthen it now with undue grief
Lift up your heart and share with me
God wanted me now, He set me **FREE!**





Russell A. Davis, 83, of Miller, passed away Sunday, April 3, 2022, at the Good Samaritan Society in Miller.

Russ was born in Miller, SD on March 23, 1939, to Edison "Jack" and Bernice (Witte) Davis. He grew up on his family's farm near Miller. He attended school in Miller, while in high school, he played football and was on the Miller Boxing team, earning the Golden gloves title.

He married Alice Joan Harrington on October 1, 1956. They had four children: Steven, Rhonda, Jerrold, and Larry.

He worked for various farmers around the area and then started working for Charlie Wilber at Wilber's Feed and Seed on October 1, 1960. He started from the bottom of the totem pole and worked until he became the office manager and continued for approximately the last 25 years. Charlie sold the business in 1997 and Russ continued to work for the new owners until he retired at the end of 2005. He put in a total of 45 years.

He and Joan enjoyed going to the South Dakota Senior Games, playing pool, horseshoes, golf, bean bags and several others, acquiring many medals along the way. Playing pool was a big part of Russ' life; Joan joined in after the kids got out of school. They played darts for a few years and avidly traveled with the Miller pool league for many years. They frequently camped and loved taking grandkids. He loved teaching them his skills in bass fishing and hunting. After Joan's health started failing, it took a toll on their activities together.

Russ was a member of the South Dakota Seed Trade Association and served as the President in 2007. He was also a member of the Miller Volunteer Fire Department.

After Joan passed in March of 2013, he lived in his home until he started having memory problems and entered the Prairie Good Samaritan Society in January of 2018. While in the nursing home, his mind never forgot his loyalty to Charlie, his customers, or his loves for selling seed and talking on the phone. He truly did love his job. He wasn't much for mushy kisses or hugs, but you always knew he truly loved you, by the look in those baby blue eyes.

Russ will be missed by his children: Rhonda (Lyle) Rowen, Jerry (Gloria) Davis, and Larry Davis; four grandchildren; four step grandchildren; twelve great grandchildren; nine step great grandchildren; sister, Donna Welch; brother, Gary Davis; brother-in-law, Jack Jones; sisters-in-law: Evelyn Butts and Dorothy Willard; brother-in-law, Richard (Jeanne) Harrington; and many nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents; wife, Joan; infant son, Steven; brothers: Roger and Ronald Davis; and sisters: Diane Hague and Shirley Jones.

