



*God's finger touched him  
and he slipped away  
From earth's dark shadows  
to a brighter day;  
God saw the road  
was getting rough,  
The hills were hard to climb;  
He gently closed his weary eyes,  
And whispered, "Peace be thine."  
To a beautiful garden  
this friend has gone,  
To a land of perfect rest;  
Though he is gone, he still lives on  
In the garden of memory.*



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Luce, Luze and Reck Funeral Homes  
Miller, South Dakota



*Celebrating* THE *Life* OF

Dale Robert  
Brueggeman

August 7, 1945 - April 25, 2022



Dale Robert Brueggeman, 76, of St. Lawrence, passed away Monday, April 25, 2022, at Avantara Norton Rehab in Sioux Falls.

Dale was born August 7, 1945, at the Faulkton County Hospital to Leonard and Lyda (Giever) Brueggeman. He grew up southeast of Polo, South Dakota with his siblings Audrey, Gene, Vince and Dianne. Dale attended St. Liborius Grade School and graduated from Fairview High School, served in the National Guard, and then bought a farm. He married Linda Martinmaas in 1970 and they raised a family on the farm.

While running the farm, he was also involved with the Polo American Legion Post #299 where he served as Commander and was honored to serve in color guard at many Memorial Day services. Dale was chairman of the St. Liborius remodeling project, and the woodwork in the entryway of the church today was created by him.

Dale was a skilled self-taught mechanic who didn't shy away from any project, from woodcraft to engine repair. Although farming is hard work, he found time to play guitar and sing with the family on occasion, play cards, plant dozens of trees, and take fishing and camping trips. Always the creator, he wanted to make rag rugs and so built a six-foot tall loom to do so, putting donated clothes to good use making rugs for everyone he knew. Dale also became interested in homemade wine, so learned how to brew that too. After farming, Dale worked for Hand County Implement as a long-haul trucker. Eventually Dale moved to St. Lawrence and spent many great days visiting with friends at the Ranch Café.

He is survived by his children: Andrea Gerke of Columbia, MO, Paul (Jannel) Brueggeman of Sioux Falls, SD, Amy (Matthew) Douglas of Sioux Falls, SD, and Dan (Liza) Brueggeman of Inwood, IA; eight grandchildren: Brian Gerke, Ian Brueggeman, Rachel Gerke, Erika Douglas, Graham Brueggeman, Thomas Douglas, Hallie Brueggeman and Macy Brueggeman; and brothers, Gene (Marlene) Brueggeman, and Vince (Maxine) Brueggeman.

He was preceded in death by his parents; step-mother, Hattie; sisters: Audrey and Dianne; granddaughter, Kayla; and grandson, Jonas.



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### **Funeral Mass:**

10:30 a.m., Monday, May 2, 2022  
St. Liborius Catholic Church  
Polo, South Dakota

**Celebrant:** Father Randy Phillips

### **Casketbearers:**

Adam Brueggeman - Damon Brueggeman  
Donald Hochhalter - James Aesoph - Jared Brueggeman  
Mark Brueggeman - Mark Hochhalter

### **Honorary Casketbearers:**

Brian Hochhalter - Dale Hargens - Dave Johnson  
Ed Aesoph - Ed Pfeifer - John Aesoph  
Larry Arbogast - Lloyd Schwartz

**Musician:** Ken Schaefer

### **Congregational Hymns:**

*"Shepherd Me, O God"*

*"Psalm 23"*

*"Supper of the Lord"*

*"Prayer of St. Francis"*

### **Interment with military honors:**

Mount Calvary Cemetery  
Polo, South Dakota