

"OH THE LAST GOODBYE'S
THE HARDEST ONE TO SAY,
AND THIS IS WHERE THE
COWBOY RIDES AWAY."

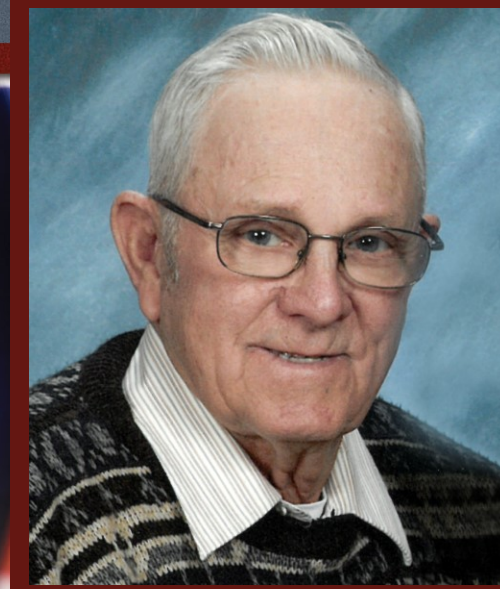
— George Strait



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Celebrating
THE LIFE OF

Gene H. Norton

December 16, 1928 - August 12, 2022

Gene Norton, 93, of Miller, passed away Friday, August 12, 2022, at Avantara in Redfield, SD.

Gene Horace Norton was born December 16, 1928, on the family ranch north of Reliance, South Dakota, to Herbert and Hazel (Shoemaker) Norton. He graduated at the age of 16 from High School and then went to college at South Dakota College of Agriculture and Mechanics, receiving an Associates of Arts degree. He went onto join the United States Army in 1951, serving a tour during the Korean War. He was honorable discharged in 1953.

On March 6, 1954, he married Ila Palmer at the Presbyterian Church in Miller. Together they had three children: Rick, Randy, and Karen Jo.

Throughout his life he worked as a mechanic, ranch hand, and trucker, and owned and operated Norton Hay Moving. He was an active member of the Methodist Church, American Legion, VFW, Lions Club, and Kiwanis Club. He served as a Boy Scouts leader, taking many scouting trips. He took great pride serving his country and his community.

He is survived by his wife, Ila of Miller; two sons: Randy (Karol) and Rick (Lori); three granddaughters: April (Brad) Hamilton, Ashley (Kory) Yule, and Amanda Norton; four great grandchildren: Ella, Sebastian, Paisley, and Brinley; one sister, Betty Kindopp; one brother, Ray Norton; and numerous nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death his parents; infant daughter, Karen Jo, sister, Shirley; and brothers, Forest, and Jack.

Visitation:

5:00 - 7:00 p.m., Tuesday, August 23, 2022
Reck Funeral Home
Miller, South Dakota

Funeral Service:

10:00 a.m., Wednesday, August 24, 2022
First United Methodist Church
Miller, South Dakota

Minister:

Rev. Teresa Whetsel

Casketbearers:

Gene Lumby - Roger Arbogast
Curt Horsley - Jordan DeBoer
Joel Warren - Wilbur Trude

Honorary Casketbearers:

Wayne Horsley - Larry Arbogast - Clair Bonebright
All Gene's VFW & Legion Members
All of the many Boy Scouts Gene helped raise

Musical Selections:

"Hymn of Promise" #707
"When I'm Good and Gone"
"The Dance"
"God Be With You Till We Meet Again" #672

Musicians:

Gene Lumby - SuAnne Meyer

Burial with Military Honors:

Hillcrest Cemetery
Miller, South Dakota

*Following the burial, the family invites
everyone to the church hall
for lunch and fellowship.*