

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!



Arrangements Entrusted To  
 Reck Funeral Home - Miller, South Dakota  
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***Kenneth E. Stewart***

May 18, 1934  
 August 18, 2024



Kenneth Eugene Stewart, 90, of Mobridge passed away Sunday, August 18, 2024, at the Mobridge Regional Hospital, Mobridge, SD.

Kenneth Eugene Stewart was born to Harry and Clara (Seeley) Stewart on May 18, 1934, in Glendale Township, Hand County, SD. He attended grade school in St. Lawrence, SD, and Pierre, SD, and graduated from high school in Pierre. He was married to BennaBee Elaine Rawstern on June 21, 1953, at the United Methodist Church in Pierre, SD. Their marriage was blessed with five children.

The family moved due to Ken's jobs and lived in Topeka and Wichita, KS, and numerous places in SD including Pierre, Ft. Pierre, Onida, Miller, Brookings, Burke, St. Lawrence, Redfield, Spearfish, and moved back to Miller in 2007. Ken moved to Mobridge, SD, in 2021. At the time of their wedding, Ken was working on the construction of the Oahe Dam on the Missouri River.

Ken loved hunting and camping but his passion in life was snowmobiling. He was an advocate for the snowmobile industry, snowmobile facilities and trails and snowmobile users. He began his crusade to help create the SD Snowmobile Association (SDSA) in 1969. He collaborated with legislators both state and federal, the SD Department of Game, Fish and Parks (SDGF&P), and with Governors Janklow and Mickelson. He was one of the initial Executive Directors of the SDSA and was the first to introduce a Governor to the annual SDSA Governors ride and was an advocate for promoting and developing snowmobile tourism in SD including the nationally renowned Black Hills Snowmobile trail system. Ken was inducted in the inaugural class to the SDSA Hall of Fame in 1996. He was honored with the National Snowmobiler of the Year award by the American Council of Snowmobile Associations and in 1996 was inducted into the International Snowmobile Hall of Fame. He was also a proud member of the Iron Dog Brigade, an elite international honorary society dedicated to the fun of snowmobiling. He also accumulated an extensive collection of antique snowmobiles, snowmobile memorabilia, and the history of the snowmobile industry.

He is survived by his children, Cenera (Bob) Davis, Custer, SD; Robert (Lisa) Stewart, Moorcroft, WY; Patti Stewart Dame, Mobridge, SD; Judy (Kendall) Swedeen, Pierre, SD; and Tod (Kimberly) Stewart, Hermosa, SD; brother-in-law, Eldon Rawstern, Miller, SD; nine grandchildren; fourteen great grandchildren; and nine step great grandchildren; in addition to many nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his wife of 62 years, BennaBee; sister, Beverly (Lyle) Baade; his father, Harry Stewart; and mother, Clara Seeley; stepfather, Carl Wininger; son-in-law, Terry Dame; father-in-law and mother-in-law, Irwin and Clara Rawstern; brothers and sisters-in-law: Wayne (Mary) Rawstern and Leo (JoAnne) Rawstern; and numerous aunts and uncles.

### **Memorial Service:**

10:30 a.m., Saturday, September 7, 2024

First United Methodist Church

Miller, South Dakota

### **Minister:**

Pastor Allison Galbreath

### **Honorary Urnbearers:**

Eldon Rawstern - Joel Stewart - Ross Swedeen

Christopher (CC) Swedeen - Dusten Stewart

Grant Stewart - Jeremy Stewart - Devon Stewart

Jennifer Stewart - Nicole Crawford

### **Eulogist:**

Duane Sutton

### **Ushers:**

Andy Canham - Larry Ames - Von Starks

Leon Crawford - Eugene Moncur

### **Organist:**

Collin Otteson

### **Congregational Hymns:**

"The Old Rugged Cross"

"Amazing Grace"

"On the Wings of a Dove"

### **Burial:**

G.A.R. Cemetery

Miller, South Dakota

**The family invites everyone to join them for a lunch and fellowship in the church hall after the burial.**