

NOW I LAY ME DOWN TO SLEEP,
I PRAY THE LORD MY SOUL TO KEEP.
IF I SHOULD DIE BEFORE I WAKE,
I PRAY THE LORD MY SOUL TO TAKE.
GUARD AND KEEP ME THROUGH THE NIGHT.
WATCH UNTIL THE MORNING LIGHT.
A SIMPLE PRAYER FOR A LITTLE CHILD,
NOW I LAY ME DOWN TO SLEEP.

NOW I RISE TO FACE THE DAY,
GO BEFORE ME, LORD, THIS I PRAY.
GUARD MY THOUGHTS, MY WORDS, MY DEEDS
LET OTHERS SEE YOUR LOVE THROUGH ME.
BE EVER NEAR ME LORD, I PRAY.
AS I WALK THROUGH EVERY DAY.
A SIMPLE PRAYER FOR THIS SIMPLE MAN,
NOW I RISE TO FACE THE DAY.

NOW I LAY ME DOWN TO REST
AS I LEAVE THIS LIFE TO START THE NEXT.
COMFORT THOSE I LEAVE BEHIND.
GIVE THEM PEACE AND HELP THEM FIND
EVERYTHING I HAD IN YOU
AS I NOW AM WHOLE AND FULLY NEW.
A SIMPLE PRAYER FOR YOUR SIMPLE CHILD,
NOW I LAY ME DOWN TO REST.

--2026 LAURIE MILBRODT

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In Memory Of
Ralph Zieger
MAY 30, 1932 - MARCH 26, 2026

Ralph Zieger, 93, of Miller, a beloved husband and father, went to his eternal rest on Thursday, March 26, 2026, at Highmore Health, after a long battle with dementia.

Born May 30, 1932, to Frank and Sophia Zieger, Ralph grew up on his parent's farm north of St. Lawrence, SD. He attended grammar school in Holden Township and graduated from Miller High School in 1950. While in high school, he met the love of his life, Barbara Cotton. He picked her up for their first date on his motorcycle, and the rest is history! They were married on June 1, 1952.

He served in the Army and was deployed to Korea in December of 1952, where he was wounded and earned a Purple Heart. He returned to South Dakota in January of 1954. He and Barbara bought a small farm southwest of Miller. Having started on a shoestring, it was necessary that Ralph could make or fix nearly anything, as any farmer knows. They retired from farming in 2000 and moved to Miller in 2005, where Barbara still lives.

Ralph was an accomplished woodworker and made hundreds of pieces of furniture, not only for his family, but for many others. He loved to design and build unique pieces and was always up for the challenge when Barbara or one of his daughters asked for something specific. He even built an oak spinning wheel just to see if he could.

He had a lifelong love of cars. In his youth, he had a vision of going to Detroit to design cars. In later years, he often commented that he had made the right decision to be a farmer instead.

Ralph loved his church and served in many roles over the years. He was a devout man and read his Bible every day. He loved his family deeply and treasured their visits. His wife Barbara was precious to him, and his only regret was having to leave her behind.

Ralph is survived by his wife of 73 years, Barbara; daughters: Peggy Zilverberg (Don), Janet Fett (Randy), and Laurie Milbrodt (Matthew); 8 grandchildren; 16 great-grandchildren; nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Frank and Sophia (Ahrendt) Zieger; his sister, Hilda Hargens (Bill); his brother, Herbert (Gladys) Zieger; his nephew, Kenny Zieger; and his great-grandchildren, Jonah and Emory Scott.

Ralph F. Zieger

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GRAVESIDE SERVICE

10:30 a.m., Monday, March 30, 2026
G.A.R. Cemetery
Miller, South Dakota

FUNERAL SERVICE

2:00 p.m., Monday, March 30, 2026
Trinity Lutheran Church
Miller, South Dakota

CLERGY

Rev. Rhonda Wellsandt-Zell
Rev. Randy Fett

CASKETBEARERS

Leah Scott - Nathan Milbrodt
Cody Zilverberg - Father Kevin Zilverberg
Seth Zilverberg - Corey Fett
Andy Fett - Heather Rice

MUSICAL SELECTIONS

"Beautiful Savior" - #838
"Be Thou My Vision" - #793
"Abide With Me" - #629
"Great Is Thy Faithfulness" - #733

ORGANIST

Ruth Waller

The family warmly invites you to join them following the funeral service for refreshments and continued fellowship at the church.