

*Thank you for your many kindnesses
evidenced in thought, word and deed,
and for your attendance here today.*

The family of Sam Wollmann

There Is A Reason

**There is a reason God made the dazzling sun,
Made all the stars and counted them one by one;
There is a reason, He made the rain tossed night,
Thunder and darkness followed by morning light.**

Refrain-

***There is a reason, tho' we can't understand.
There is a reason, one that the Lord has planned,
There is a reason, someday He'll make it plain
The reason why there is heartache and grief and pain.***

**There is a reason God asks a need to die,
Once 'twas a flower, radiant as summer sky.
There is a reason why the sweet blossoms fade;
Harvest is coming why should we be afraid.**

Refrain-

**There is a reason those whom He loves are tried,
Called on to suffer with Him the Crucified.
There is a reason everything works for good
To those who trust Him, for He hath said it would.**

Refrain-

In Loving Memory Of **Sam Wollmann**

June 6, 1922 — July 23, 2022

Sam Wollmann was born June 6, 1922, to Andrew and Barbara (Glanzer) Wollmann at his grandparents' home near Menno, South Dakota. Several months after he was born, the family moved to a farm nearby. Dad's life on the farm with two brothers and three sisters was typical of that era, milking cows, picking field corn by hand, farming with horses, and helping threshing crews harvest their wheat.

As a teenager, he realized his need of a Savior. Dad spoke of the time and spot on the farm where he could grasp by faith his sins were forgiven. He became a member of the Salem KMB Church.

A young lady caught his eye in Beadle County, and he hitchhiked over 100 miles to see her. On May 27, 1945, Sam married Mary Hofer at Bethel Mennonite Brethren Church. A week later they boarded the train at Tripp, South Dakota, and headed to Terry, Montana, for alternative service. This time of service lasted 18 months and also took them to Fort Collins, Colorado and Lincoln, Nebraska. Dad liked to share the experience of that time and treasured the friends they made.

A memory he often talked about was Sunday afternoons singing with his family, with his mother playing the organ. This inspired a love of singing throughout his life. We as a family have many fond memories of the songs, he sang such as *"I Want To See My Savior First Of All," "There Is A Reason"* and *"All The Way My Savior Leads Me."*

After their service was completed, they began farming on Mary's parents' farm southwest of Carpenter, South Dakota, facing the challenges of life together. They spent the first 18 months living with her parents in a small 20' by 20' house. Two children were born to this home, Daniel Sam and Barbara Ann.

He farmed with his son, Dan for fourteen years. Sam was also very interested and active in the founding of James Valley Christian School. He was their secretary for many years and worked hard advocating for Christian education.

In 2004, Dad and Mom moved to Stoney Brook Assisted Living. Mom passed away a year later after nearly 60 years of marriage. Stoney Brook was dad's home for 17 years. He faithfully took care of Mom and spoke lovingly of her after she was gone.

We as a family appreciated his humor and positive attitude on life. In later years, he spent many hours making cards and reaching out to others. He often spoke of his desire to make heaven his home.

Left to cherish his memory are his daughter, Barbara and Arlan Jantz of Carpenter, South Dakota, and Meredyth Wollmann Besteman; seven grandchildren, Joseph (Rachel) Wyatt, Daneta (Troy) Wollmann, Sonja (Kendall) Mastre, Craig (Melanie) Jantz, LaVae (Anthony) Unruh, Melanie (Ashley) Yost and Nathan (Erika) Jantz; twenty-five great-grandchildren; one sister, Naomi Hofer; and two sisters-in-law, Alma Wollmann and Karen Wollmann.

Preceding him in death are his wife, Mary; his son, Daniel; his parents; two brothers; and two sisters.



Funeral Service

Friday, August 5, 2022 — 10:30 AM
Bethel Mennonite Brethren Church, Yale, South Dakota
Rev. Coalt Robinson — Officiant
Winona Stahl — Organist
Julie Hohm — Pianist

Prelude.....Winona Stahl
Opening Prayer.....Rev. Coalt Robinson
Congregational Hymn.....*Great Is Thy Faithfulness*
Reading of Obituary.....Joseph Wyatt
Congregational Hymn.....*Amazing Grace*
Message.....Rev. Coalt Robinson
Congregational Hymn.....*My Jesus, I Love Thee*
Closing Prayer.....Rev. Coalt Robinson
Postlude.....Winona Stahl

Casket Bearers

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| Craig Jantz | Joseph Wyatt |
| Nathan Jantz | Anthony Unruh |
| Ashley Yost | Kendall Mastre |

Interment

Bethel Mennonite Brethren Cemetery
Yale, South Dakota