



Melvin W. Drews

Melvin W. Drews was born July 8, 1929, to August and Ruth Drews in McCook, NE. He attended school there and played football for the McCook High School Bison. They became state champions in 1946 and the team was inducted into the Nebraska High School Sports Hall of Fame in 1996. Following high school, he graduated from

North Central Bible College with a degree in Theology.

On September 7, 1951, he married Bonnie Berndt. Together, they worked in several Assembly of God churches. Later, they moved to California where he began his construction career. He supervised many large construction projects including the church they attended in Hawthorne, CA. Melvin also went on several construction mission trips to Arizona, Africa, El Salvador, and Panama.

In 1977, Melvin and Bonnie purchased the Deadwood KOA campground and met many friends and visitors until they retired in 1995. After retirement, they moved to Sturgis.

He loved woodworking and model trains and spent many hours doing both. He also loved watching the Nebraska Cornhusker football team play.

Melvin went home to be with Jesus on Tuesday, February 17, 2015.

Grateful for having shared his life are his wife of 63 years, Bonnie; three daughters, Collette (Jason) Holmes of Lomita, CA, Cheryl (Mike) Glanzer of Lead, SD, and Anitra (Don) McKnight of Sturgis, SD; their son, Alan of Sturgis, SD; nine grandchildren, Shanna (Phil) Carnehl, Stacey Holmes, Susanna Holmes, Elise (Dusty) Hess, Evan Glanzer, Aimee (Brad) Bell, Aaron (April) McKnight, Adam McKnight, and Aric McKnight; and two great-grandchildren, Vienna McKnight and Joel Hess.

Melvin was preceded in death by his parents, two sisters, and three brothers.

Memorials have been established to Assembly of God Missions and Hospice of the Northern Hills.

Condolences may be sent to the family at www.kinkadefunerals.com.

In Loving Memory Of



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1929 ~ 2015

*The family invites you to join them for fellowship and lunch
in the church hall immediately following the funeral service.
We thank you for your presence and condolences.*



Should You Go First

Should you go first and I remain
to walk the road alone,
I'll live in memories garden dear,
with happy days we've known.

In spring I'll wait for roses red,
when faded, the lilacs blue.
In early fall when brown leaves fall,
I'll catch a glimpse of you.

Should you go first and I remain,
for battle to be fought.
Each thing you've touched along the way
will be a hallowed spot.

I'll hear your voice, I'll see your smile,
though blindly I may grope,
The memory of your helping hand
will buoy me on with hope.

Should you go first and I remain,
one thing I'll have you do:
Walk slowly down that long long path,
for soon I'll follow you.

I want to know each step you take,
so I may take the same.
For someday down that lonely road
you'll hear me call your name.

~by Albert Kennedy "Rosey" Rowsell

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Born

July 8, 1929
McCook, Nebraska

Died

February 17, 2015
Sturgis, South Dakota

Funeral Service

Saturday, February 28, 2015, at 11:00 a.m.
Calvary Temple Assembly of God Church
Spearfish, South Dakota

Officiating

Pastor Robert Maddox ~ Pastor Paul Thompson
Pastor Mark Chaplin

Pianist ~ Cheryl Glanzer

Soloist ~ Elise Hess

Musical Selections

"Life's Railway To Heaven"
"Celebrate Me Home"
"When We All Get To Heaven"

Pallbearers

Aaron McKnight ~ Adam McKnight ~ Aric McKnight
Evan Glanzer ~ Dusty Hess ~ Brad Bell ~ Phil Carnehl

Honorary Pallbearer

Rick Haggerty

Interment

Bear Butte Cemetery