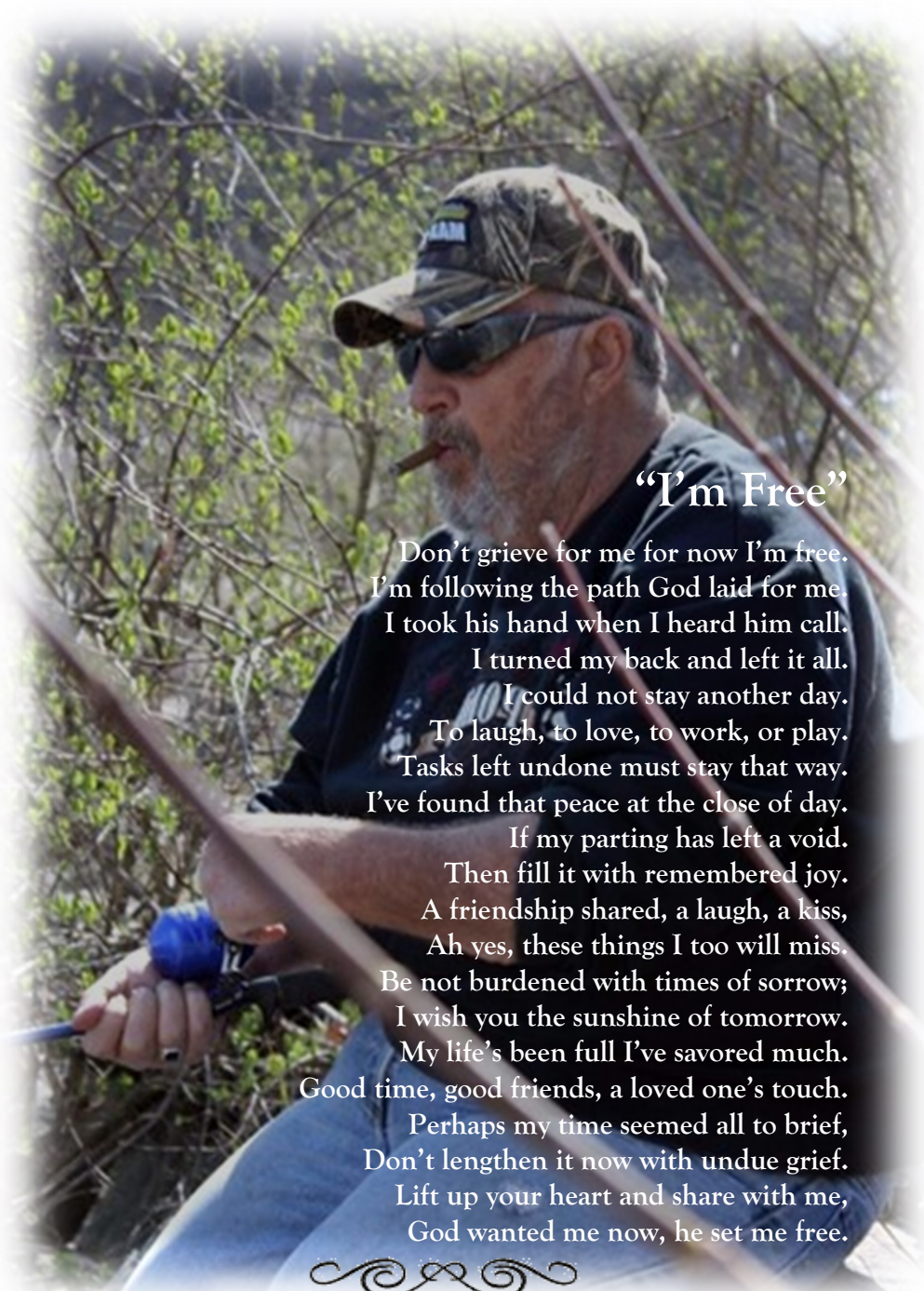




"I'm Free"

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've found that peace at the close of 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 you the sunshine of tomorrow.
My life's been full I've savored much.
Good time, good friends, 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.


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A Life Remembered

Allen C. Kretzschmar passed away in the Watertown Hospital June 3rd, 2022.

Allen was born to Carl and Helen (Spaniol) Kretzschmar, February 5th, 1944. He was united in marriage in the St. William Church in Yale, South Dakota to Harriet Nelson.

Allen grew up in Hauge township, went to Country School, then to Willow Lake High School. After graduation, he joined the National Guard.

He worked as a farm hand, Elevator employee at Cavour, Milbank, and Willow Lake. Allen also started a career of water well drilling out of Huron, South Dakota. He was certified in North Dakota, South Dakota, Minnesota, and Nebraska.

Allen was an avid hunter of coon, deer, gopher, rabbits, elk, antelope, pheasant, duck, goose, and grouse. He loved to fish on the lakes or out at the river. His passion was muscle cars, going to Marion drag strip, stock car races, and at times was found going onto a black top to race a quarter-mile with his Superbee.

When he was in the shop; 60s music or country western was on the shop radio; with cigars burning and a diet coke getting warm.

Every kid got to go to Carpenter on Saturday to have cheese balls and chicken strips at the Carpenter Cafe.

Grandpa's favorites were diet coke, donut holes, and William Penn Cigars. "Shop door Open" he was home and ready to visit.

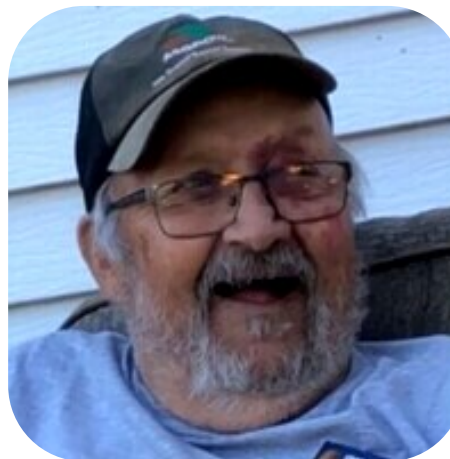
Allen was preceded in death by his maternal and paternal grandparents, parents, brother Lyle, and sister Sharon.

Allen is survived by his wife, Harriet; his sons: Dave - Krissy (Grewe) - Ali - Helen - Dawsyn, Mike - Amy (Mahlen) - Chasity (Jordon) - Chess - Chance, Terry Ray - Benjamin - Julian - step daughter Lindsey, Troy - Michelle - Levi, Jamey - Melanie (Whetzel) - Lindsey (Sean) - Tripp - Memphis - Kyle - Shelby (fiancé), Joe - Emily (Cunningham) - Dylan - Drew - Kadance - Dan - Evan - Aiden; and daughter: Lisa - Jay (Lloyd) - Jakob - Thomas - Samantha - Jimmy Lee - Rachel aka The Boss. He is also survived by his brother, Larry "Buck" Kretzschmar.



Following the service, please join the family for lunch and a time of fellowship in the Church basement

The family of Allen Kretzschmar thanks you for your presence here today, for your thoughts, prayers, and other acts of kindness shown to them.



Celebrating the Life of Allen Kretzschmar



Services from

United Methodist Church
Carpenter, South Dakota
Saturday, June 11, 2022
10:00 AM

Officiant

Pastor Fawn Lamb

Special Recorded Music

Processional—"Amazing Grace"

"Old Rugged Cross"

"Grandpa, Tell Me 'Bout the Good Old Days"

Recessional—"How Great Thou Art"

Urn Bearers

Allen's Grandchildren

Honorary Bearers

The Noon Group of the Carpenter Cafe

Interment

Pitrodie Cemetery
Carpenter, South Dakota

