

Allen Leroy Oedekoven

Allen Leroy Oedekoven was born September 27, 1924, in Sturgis, SD, to Albert and Ella (Linstrom) Oedekoven. He lived on the farm 17 miles northeast of Sturgis. He went to Nine Mile Grade School and worked with his family, especially his two brothers, Standly and Vernon and with his dad as he got older. He and his dad bought the place just east of the home place. Later, Allen, Standly, and Vernon split into their own places.

On August 23, 1953, Allen married Hannah Ruby at the Grace Lutheran Church in Sturgis. They made their home on his farm on Nine Mile Creek until 1971.

To this union were born a son, Timothy Allen on April 6, 1957, and daughter, Rebecca Lynne on September 26, 1961. They moved to Boulder Canyon in 1971. Allen and Hannah ran the Boulder Park Campground and Allen continued to farm on Nine Mile until 2006. Due to declining health and hard winters, they moved to Heritage Acres Apartments in Sturgis at the end of June 2009, after which they sold the campground. In September of 2016, he moved to Key City Assisted Living. In March of 2017, he moved to the Sturgis Regional Senior Care where he resided until his passing.

He was a past member of Vale Lutheran Church in Vale and a member of Grace Lutheran Church in Sturgis. He loved to play cards, especially the game of Spite and Malice.

Allen, 94, Sturgis, passed away Friday, August 9, 2019, at Sturgis Regional Senior Care.

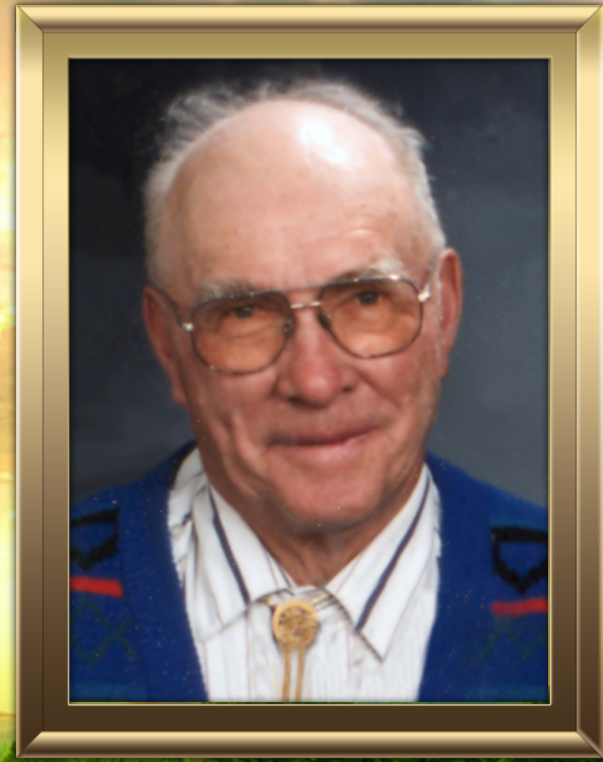
He is survived by his daughter, Rebecca (David) Jeitz of Belle Fourche; two grandchildren, Theodore (Sarah) Jeitz of Belle Fourche, and Jennifer Jeitz and fiancé, Brian Everson, of Brookings; and six great-grandchildren, Walker, Weston, Audrey, Oliver, Owen, and Addie.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Hannah; son, Timothy; parents, Albert and Ella Oedekoven; brothers, Arthur, Vernon, Myron, and Standly; and sisters, Lena, Doris, and Rosie.

In lieu of flowers, please make memorials to Grace Lutheran Church. Condolences may be sent to the family at www.kinkadefunerals.com.

The family invites you to join them for fellowship and lunch in the Son Shine Room in the church basement following the funeral service.

We thank you for your presence and condolences.



In Loving Memory

Allen Leroy Oedekoven

September 27, 1924 ~ August 9, 2019

He'll Always Be Remembered

*He'll always be remembered
As a man, both strong and good,
Who gave his best for others
And who did the best he could.
He'll always be remembered
For all the joy he brought,
As a man who made a difference
And a man who meant a lot.*



Farewell Prayer

*"Thank you Lord for seeing how
Weary I am, and letting me rest.
The pain is gone; the peace is beautiful,
Your love surrounds me.*

*I have fought the good fight (I think)
and somehow now at this stage,
no matter what the outcome,
I feel I have won."*

My homily - - 'For everything there is a season.'

*"I want my family to move on with
their lives, and realize everything is
for a reason. Have no regrets.
Everybody did everything they could.
I love you all and will still be with you."*

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Date of Birth

September 27, 1924
Sturgis, South Dakota

Date of Death

August 9, 2019
Sturgis, South Dakota

Service

Friday, August 16, 2019, at 10:00 a.m.
Grace Lutheran Church
Sturgis, South Dakota

Clergy

Rev. Kris Garlick

Musician

Danny Chapman

Songs

"Amazing Grace"
"The Old Rugged Cross"

Pallbearers

Ricky Oedekoven ~ Darrell Oedekoven
Wayne Oedekoven ~ Gary Ruby
Dick Williamson ~ Brian Everson

Final Resting Place

Bear Butte Cemetery
Sturgis, South Dakota