

Donald "Don" John Achtien

Don was born May 28, 1931, in Aberdeen, SD. He was active in sports during his school years. He attended Northern State University and graduated with a B.S. Degree in Business Special Fields.

Don was in the United States Air Force from October, 1951, until August, 1957, and served overseas for 14 months. Don worked as a Flight Instructor for Aberdeen Flying Service before Governor Ralph Herseith hired him to pick up a C-45 twin engine aircraft from the S.D. Air National Guard and take it to Pierre, SD, for use by the Governor. He worked for the State of South Dakota for twenty years and was instrumental in promoting the use of Beechcraft King Air Turbo-props for their safety. During his tenure with the State of South Dakota, Don was the Chief Pilot for five different Governors including Governors Ralph Herseith, Archie Gubrude, Nils Boe, Frank Farrer, and Dick Kniep.

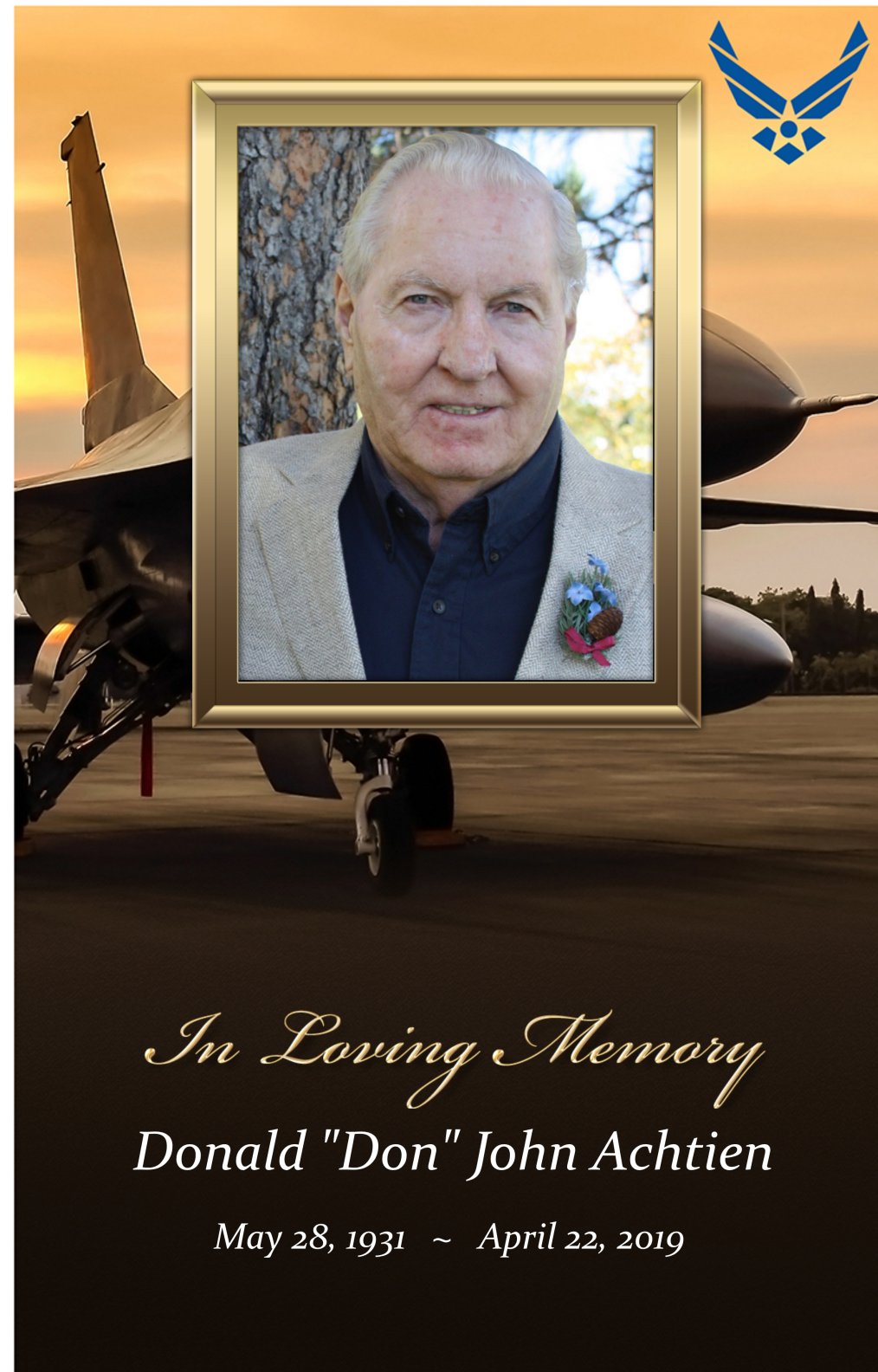
Don was a successful businessman for over 50 years, owning businesses in Deadwood and Wall, SD. He married his wife, Louise Scofield, on March 1, 1959.

Donald John Achtien, 87, of Rapid City, died April 22, 2019, at his home.

Don is survived by Louise and their four children, Briget Mutchler (Mike), Steven Achtien, Temple Wray, and Tammy Achtien Pound (Chris); eight grandchildren; three great-grandchildren; and his brother, Robert Achtien.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions can be made to Regional Health Home plus Hospice, 224 Elk Street, Rapid City, SD 57701.

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





WE WERE THEREFORE BURIED WITH HIM THROUGH
BAPTISM INTO DEATH IN ORDER THAT, JUST AS CHRIST
WAS RAISED FROM THE DEAD THROUGH THE GLORY
OF THE FATHER, WE TOO MAY LIVE A NEW LIFE.

ROMANS 6:4

Treasured Seasons

For everything there is
an appointed season.
And a time for everything
under heaven-
A time for sharing.
a time for caring.
A time for loving.
a time for giving:
A time for remembering.
a time for parting.
You have made everything
beautiful in its time
for everything You do
remains forever.

In Memory Of **Donald John Achtien**

Date of Birth

May 28, 1931
Aberdeen, South Dakota

Date of Death

April 22, 2019
Rapid City, South Dakota

Memorial Service

Saturday, May 25, 2019, at 1:00 p.m.
American Legion Post 22
Rapid City, South Dakota

Military Honors

American Legion Post 22

Final Resting Place

Tuesday, May 28, 2019, at 11:30 a.m.
Black Hills National Cemetery
Sturgis, South Dakota

For God so loved the world,
that He gave His only begotten SON,
that whosoever believeth in HIM
should not perish, but have EVERLASTING LIFE.

John 3:16