Grandpa's Gone To Heaven

One quiet day the angels came And took grandpa far away But in the stillness of the night I could almost hear him say.

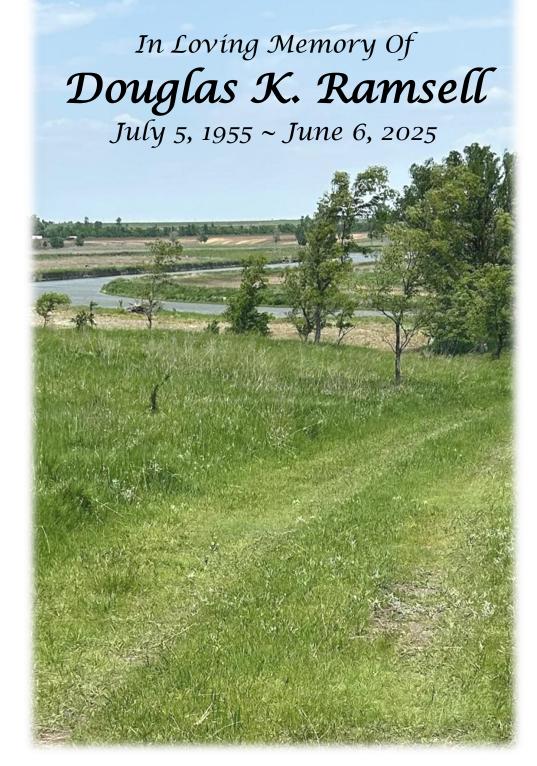
"Dear grandchild, I will miss you You mean so much to me But Jesus called me to His side In Heaven I will be.

A place of God's great beauty No tears or earthly cares Only peace and joy forever And love beyond compare.

So remember all the good times
Don't think about the sad.
Treasure all the special moments
Through the years we've always had.

And if you trust in Jesus
I can promise this and more
You will get a hug from grandpa
Someday on Heaven's golden shore."

- J. Morse







Douglas Kim Ramsell, the son of Paul and Ila (Baum) Ramsell, was born on July 5, 1955 at Huron Hospital the third of three children, joining his sister, Sondra and brother, Scott. Doug grew up on the family farm northeast of Huron where they raised hogs and dairy cows. Doug started his schooling at Valley Township Country School before finishing his school years in Huron, graduating in 1973. Doug then attended South Dakota State University in Brookings. There he received a Bachelor's of Science Degree in Ag Business.

Doug married Jane (Dewald) on January 7, 1977, at St. Martins Church in Huron. The couple lived in Brookings, until Doug finished college in December of 1978. It was during this time in Brookings that the

couple welcomed their first of three daughters.

In 1979, Doug and Jane moved to Huron. It was here that the couple has spent the last 46 years building a full life together, adding two more daughters, and eventually three sons -in-law, and his beloved grandchildren.

Doug worked on the family farm for many years until the family retired from farming. Doug had a passion for people, so much so that he began a second career in sales working for a time selling cell phones before finishing his sales career at Slumberland Furniture. In retirement, Doug's passion for politics gained him a seat on the Beadle County Commission in 2017. In 2020, he became Chairman, holding the title until his passing.

Doug was a member of the Holy Trinity Catholic Parish, the Elks, Washington Elementary PTO president, and served for many years on the Valley Township Board. Doug most enjoyed his years involved with the local Jaycees where he gained innumerable lifelong friends. It was here Doug held many of the local, district and state offices, finally serving as the Jaycees State President in 1988-89.

Doug enjoyed being surrounded by family and friends, hosting many get-togethers. In fact, the farm's Centennial Celebration in 2024 was a highlight for him, celebrating with his family and many cousins. Doug loved watching his daughter's, and in recent years his grandchildren's, many activities. He also loved working in his yard and tending to his garden around his home. In retirement, Doug loved to travel with his wife, Jane and hoped to visit all fifty states. He nearly succeeded too, having made it to all but two of the fifty states.

Grateful for having shared in Doug's life are his wife of 48 years, Jane of Huron; three daughters, Charlotte (Mike) Zell, Alaina (David) Harrington, both of Huron, and Kristin (Scott) Manning of Ankeny, Iowa; four grandkids, Abagail and Deklan Harrington and Owen and Mason Manning; one sister, Sondra Kimball; his mother-in-law, Patty Dewald; many cousins, nieces and nephews; and several brothers- and sisters-in law.

Doug was preceded in death by his parents; one brother, Scott Ramsell; three brothers-in-law, Ronald Kimball, David Karst and Paul Mertz; his stepfather, Mac Haskell; and father-in-law, Joe Dewald.

Mass Of Christian Burial

Friday, June 13, 2025 10:30 AM Holy Trinity Catholic Parish Huron, South Dakota

Officiant

Rev. Larry Regynski

Music

Tammie Musil — Pianist Ann Blondheim — Cantor On Eagle's Wings Amazing Grace

Honorary Urn Bearers

Doug's Grandchildren
Abagail Harrington
Deklan Harrington
Owen Manning
Mason Manning

Doug's Sons-in-Law Michael Zell David Harrington Scott Manning