

Wallace Tvedt, age 95 of Brookings and formerly of Sinai, passed away on Wednesday, August 30, 2023, at the United Living Community in Brookings.

Wallace Ray Tvedt was born on March 16, 1928 to Bernard and Bella (Larson) Tvedt in Arlington, South Dakota. He was baptized and confirmed into the Lutheran faith. He attended rural Bangor Township #2 school and graduated from Sinai High School. He attended Augustana College in Sioux Falls until he was called to serve his country in the Korean Conflict.

Wallace married Audrey Bolstad on October 15, 1950 at the West Sinai Lutheran church. Shortly thereafter Wallace reported to basic training in Colorado Springs, Colorado where they made their first home. Wallace and Audrey also lived in Fort Knox, Kentucky until Wallace was honorably discharged from the Army.

Wallace and Audrey returned to the family farm north of Sinai where they partnered in a farming and livestock operation and welcomed children, Kristen, Daniel, Douglas and David. Wallace was a lifelong member of Sinai Lutheran Church where he served as Sunday School Superintendent, Deacon and congregational president. He was an active member of the community serving on many committees and boards, including; the Sinai Coop Elevator, Northeast Grain Terminal, Quail Evenson American Legion Post No. 133, M2M Prison Ministry and the Brookings County Commission.

Wallace enjoyed working with his hands, especially the craft of lapidary which he perfected during the many winters at their home in Mesa, Arizona. He created many pieces of jewelry for family and friends. Woodworking and carving were also passions he enjoyed. His work was recognized by the Veterans Administration at their annual exhibitions in Sioux Falls. In 2020 his work was submitted to the National VA competition. Recently Wallace began shaping cedar walking sticks. He completed his 50th walking stick just a few weeks ago.

Following Audrey's passing in 2015 Wallace remained in their lake home north of Sinai until he moved to StoneyBrook where he enjoyed many hours playing cards with friends. He also resided at the Arlington Care Center and finally at ULC in Brookings. The family appreciates the staff that cared for Wallace over the years. His failing eyesight led him to discover the South Dakota State Library Talking Book Program which provided him with countless hours of enjoyment.

Wallace is survived by their children, Kristen (Dale) Leite, Daniel (Katie), Douglas (Michelle) and David (May) Tvedt. Grandchildren, Aaron (Teresa) and Austin (Mandi) Leite, Hans Tvedt (fiancé Greta Spitzer), Alyssa (Andrew) Hora, Siri (Ty) Ollerich, Sara Tvedt and Bryn Tvedt. Six great-granddaughters, Olivia, Bianca, Isla, Eliana, Gemma and Eloise. Sister, Wanda (Justin) Allen, Minneapolis, Minn. Sister and brother-in-law Phyllis and Willis Hanson, Sioux Falls, SD, sister-in-law Marlene Berven, Arlington, Texas, several cousins and many nieces and nephews.

Wallace was proceeded in death by his wife of 64 years, Audrey, his parents, step-mother and aunt Ollie (Larson), brother and sister-in-law Virgil and Lois Bolstad, brother-in-laws Shane Wyrostek Sr. and John Berven and nephews Shane T. Wyrostek, Steven Hanson and Bradley Berven.



In Loving Memory of

Wallace Tvedt

March 16, 1928 Arlington, South Dakota
August 30, 2023 Brookings, South Dakota

Funeral Service

1:00 P.M. Tuesday, September 5, 2023
Sinai Lutheran Church
Sinai, South Dakota

Clergy

Pastor Alan Blankenfeld

Music

Marge Kleinjan—Accompanist
Congregational Hymns
Rock of Ages

What A Friend We Have In Jesus
Lift High The Cross

Interment

Interment will take place at a future date
West Sinai Lutheran Cemetery
Sinai, South Dakota

Arrangements by Eidsness Funeral Home

O Lord, I ask You to grant me the vision to see the hidden art that You have placed in each stick of wood.

The steadiness in my hands to guide the tools straight and true

The wisdom to lay out the lines right the first time

The intelligence to keep my fingers out of the harms way

The touch to sand each curve and corner just right

And the gentleness to make each stroke of my brush smooth and just

And most of all, let everyone feel the love that I put into every project I make

Lord, I ask this so I may follow in Your footsteps every day, both in work and life

In Jesus name I pray, Amen

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