

Elmer Isaac Alan passed away on Tuesday, August 13, 2019, in Spearfish, SD, at the age of 92.

Born on the 5th day of February, 1927 to William and Lempi (Metsala) Alan, he was baptized and later confirmed by the Lutheran Church. He joined a brother, Gilbert, and sister, Miriam, and lived his young life on a ranch near Whitewood.

He received his 1st through 8th grade education from the nearby county school.

He attended Whitewood High School until its closure, at which point he attended Lead High School until his graduation in 1945.

After graduation, he worked with his brother, Gilbert, and father, William, on the ranch outside of Whitewood. On June 10, 1961, Elmer Alan and Lottie (Hendrickson) Alan were married. They purchased a ranch 10 miles outside of Belle Fourche, SD, where they raised their children, Sheila (Mike) Reed, Linda Weliever, Rochelle (Don) Joslin, Velda (Jerry) Nelson, Tamara Alane Weber, Nikla Lempi (Jim) Pulaski, and Corey (Carissa) Alan.

Elmer served his community. He served on both the Lawrence and Butte County School Boards. He was a Board Member and President of the Butte Electric Corp. for many years. He served on the Rushmore Electric board for over 10 years, and he later worked as a member of the Whitewood Council for several years. After his time in public service, he continued his hard work at Silverado for 16 years.

Ever a seeker of knowledge, Elmer was an avid student of history, politics, and theology. He read many books, contributing to thousands of amazing conversations. Quick-witted and a great storyteller, he could captivate you one-on-one or keep a room on its toes.

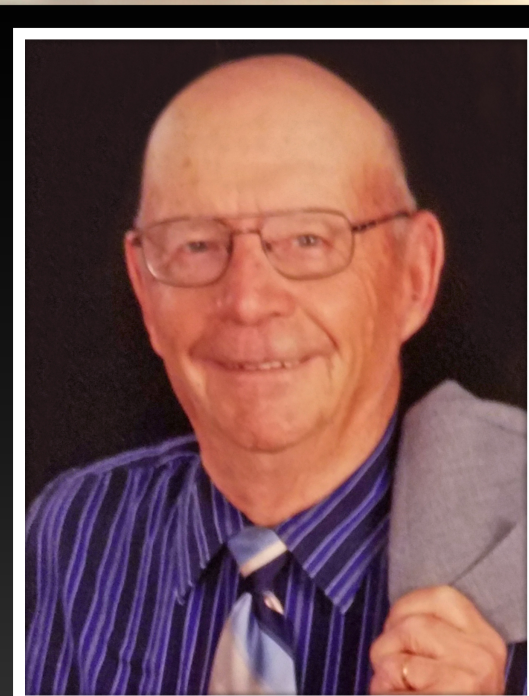
Elmer was a man of many interests and everything he pursued, he did so fully and always with the goal of betterment, whether it was for himself, his family, his community, or his God. He was a faithful, devoted, and loyal Christian, husband, father, grandfather, brother, and friend. He gave us all the sisu he carried with him every second of his life.

Elmer was preceded in death by his wife, Lottie; father, William; mother, Lempi; sister, Miriam; brother, Heino; and son-in-law, David Weber.

He is survived by his brother, Gilbert; seven children, Sheila, Linda, Rochelle, Velda, Tamara Alane, Nikla Lempi, and Corey; as well as 19 grandchildren; and 28 great-grandchildren.

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

The family invites you to join them for fellowship and lunch in the church hall immediately following the funeral service. We thank you for your presence and condolences.



In Loving Memory

Elmer Isaac Alan

February 5, 1927 ~ August 13, 2019



In Memory Of
Elmer Isaac Alan

Date of Birth

February 5, 1927
Whitewood, South Dakota

Date of Death

August 13, 2019
Spearfish, South Dakota

Funeral Service

Monday, August 19, 2019, at 2:00 p.m.
St. Paul Lutheran Church
Spearfish, South Dakota

Officiating

Pastor Gene Bauman

Accompanist

Marlena Miller

Congregational Hymns

"Just As I Am"
"Take My Life And Let It Be"

Pallbearers

Wade Weliever Avery Nelson Joseph Pulaski
Casey Alan Garrett Weliever Bradley Hahn
Dustin Alan Christopher King Kyle Alan

Final Resting Place

Whitewood Cemetery
Whitewood, South Dakota

A Father's Farewell to His Children

*When I must leave you for a little while,
Please do not grieve and shed wild tears,
And hug your sorrow to you through the years,
But start out bravely with a gallant smile:
And for my sake and in my name
Live on and do all things the same,
Feed not your loneliness on empty days,
But fill each waking hour in useful ways,
Reach out your hand in comfort and in cheer
And I in turn will comfort you and hold you near;
And never, never be afraid to die,
For I am waiting for you in the sky!*