

In Loving Memory

CLOSE THE GATE -

For this one farmer the worries are over, lie down and rest your head, Your time has been and struggles enough, put the tractor in the shed. Years were not easy, many downright hard, but your faith in God transcended, Put away your tools and sleep in peace. The fences have all been mended. You raised a fine family, worked the land well and always followed the Son, Hang up your shovel inside of the barn; your work here on earth is done. A faith few possess led your journey through life, often a jagged and stony way, The sun is setting, the cattle are all bedded, and here now is the end of your day. Your love of God's soil has passed on to your kin; the stories flow like fine wine, Wash off your work boots in the puddle left by blessed rain one final time. You always believed that the good Lord would provide and He always had somehow, Take off your gloves and put them down, no more sweat and worry for you now. Your labor is done, your home now is heaven; no more must you wait, Your legacy lives on, your love of the land, and we will

close the gate.

Nancy Kraayenhof



Mike doing what he loved-farming, Saturday, April 13, 2024.

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Milo "Mike" Kolden
November 28, 1933—April 15, 2024

Milo Harold Kolden was born November 28, 1933 and passed away unexpectedly on April 15, 2024, doing what he loved: farming.

Milo “Mike” was born to Agnes (Steen) and Magnes Kolden at their farmhouse. He joined three brothers and a sister Arlo, Merle, Mavis, and Lee. He enjoyed speaking the Norwegian language with them as much as he could up until when Merle passed in 2019.

He enlisted in the army airborne when he was 20 years old. He specialized in radio operator and telecommunications. He was stationed in Germany. What makes him most proud is realizing the United States of America is the best place to call home.

When he married Janice (Murray) Kolden in 1958, the best days of his life started. Together they had Lorie, Cherie, Gary and Connie. He was so proud of them. He would call them almost nightly and start the conversation by “yeah Cherie..yeah Connie...yeah...Lorie” I think each of them kept their landline phone for that reason.

Milo spent most of his days instilling his love for farming and Oliver tractors in his son Gary. Up until passing, Milo made the same 16 mile trip to the farm fiddling around with whatever he could to just simply be on the farm. It brought comfort to all knowing he had made that drive “home” one last time to be with his Lord and Savior.

When he wasn’t on the farm, you would find him sitting on his chair watching Fox News while eating his homemade famous (to him) cabbage soup. He appreciated his granddaughter Krysta’s green thumb for planting those “big delicious” cabbages. Milo had a great love for his country and strong admiration for the Republican Party.

Later 16 grandchildren came, they brought the most joy to his life. He was involved with each of his grandchildren, often calling them to talk. The memories he made with each of us will hold such a special place in our hearts. He meant so much to us and we are all so blessed to have had him for as long as we did. With all of his children living in a 30 mile radius, the family gathered often. The memories are endless.

Above all Milo had a great love for our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

Milo left behind some special people including his four children, Lorie (Brad), Cherie (Rod), Gary (Betsy), Connie (Aaron), his eleven grandsons: Josh, Jeremy, Jared (Angela), Justin (Ashley), Jeff (Mel), Corey (Jessica), Taylor, Seth (Kamelia), Torrey (Erica), Chad and Heath. and his five granddaughters: Krysta (Travis), Cassi, Danrea (Justin), Kandace (Chris) and Janae (Koln) and his 20 great grandchildren. He is also survived by his in-laws Joanne Kolden, Lois and Wayne Heuer, and Richard and Varret Murray

He was greeted at heaven’s gates by his wife Janice, grandson Adam, his parents, siblings, Arlo, Merle, Mavis, and Lee, in laws, grandparents and his furry buddy, Jackson.

Following the burial, please join the family for lunch and a time of fellowship in the church fellowship hall.



Celebrating the Life of Milo “Mike” Kolden



Funeral Services

Plymouth Congregational Church
Clark, South Dakota
Monday, April 22, 2024
10:30 AM

Officiant

Pastor Fawn Lamb

Music

Kathy Weber & Dorothy Fuller—Pianists
“Precious Lord, Take My Hand” -Congregational
“The Lord’s Prayer” - Duane & Char Peterson
“How Great Thou Art” - Congregational

Honorary Bearers

Danrea Dick Krysta Peterson Cassi Hemmingson
Kandace Arthur Janae Kolden

Casket Bearers

Jeremy Terhark Joshua Terhark Jared Terhark
Corey Jans Justin Terhark Jeff Terhark
Taylor Jans Seth Hemmingson Torrey Kolden
Chad Kolden Heath Hemmingson

Interment with Full Military Honors

US Army National Honors & Cagley-Smith Post #60

Rose Hill Cemetery
Clark, South Dakota



The family of Mike Kolden thanks you for your presence here today, for your thoughts, prayers, and other acts of kindness shown to them.