

Donald "Don" Gene Schellhouse was born January 14, 1943, in Luverne, MN, to Harry and Olga (Salomonson) Schellhouse. Don grew up in Hills, MN, and graduated from Hills High School in 1961. After high school, he attended Stewarts School of Cosmetology. After graduation and while teaching at the school, Don met the love of his life, Donna Rae Reining. They were united in marriage on July 13, 1963. This union was blessed with two children.

Don traveled the Midwest presenting at hair shows before changing careers. He worked in Sioux Falls, SD, as a salesman for Haber's Carpets and Reynolds Furniture. He went on to work for Scorpion, Inc. selling snowmobiles throughout the region where he was recognized as a top salesman for the company. Don was an accomplished artist, selling his art and attending art shows through much of his life. In 1987, after moving to the Black Hills, Don was employed at Black Hills Special Services Coop, Inc. in Rapid City. He and Donna then moved to Sturgis to be foster parents caring for those with disabilities in a home setting. Don loved to go antiquing with his wife, Donna. They became certified antique appraisers for the Black Hills region.

Don's greatest joy was collecting antiques and Indian artifacts. He took great pride in the knowledge and historical background of each and every item. He beamed with excitement when telling stories about his "old stuff" to all his family and friends. Don had a very big heart and cared deeply for all those he met.

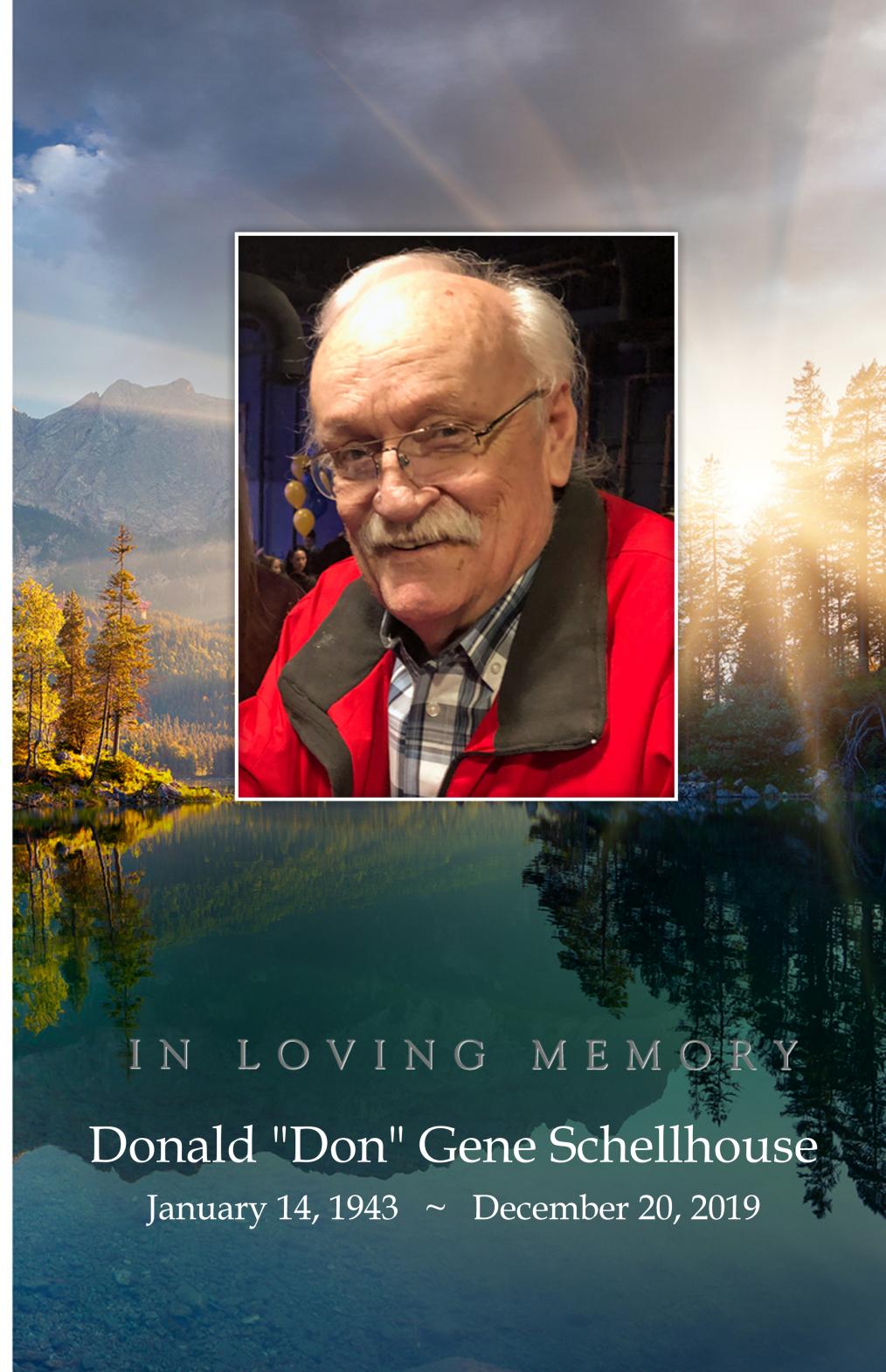
Don, 76, of Sturgis, SD, passed away Friday, December 20, 2019, surrounded by his family.

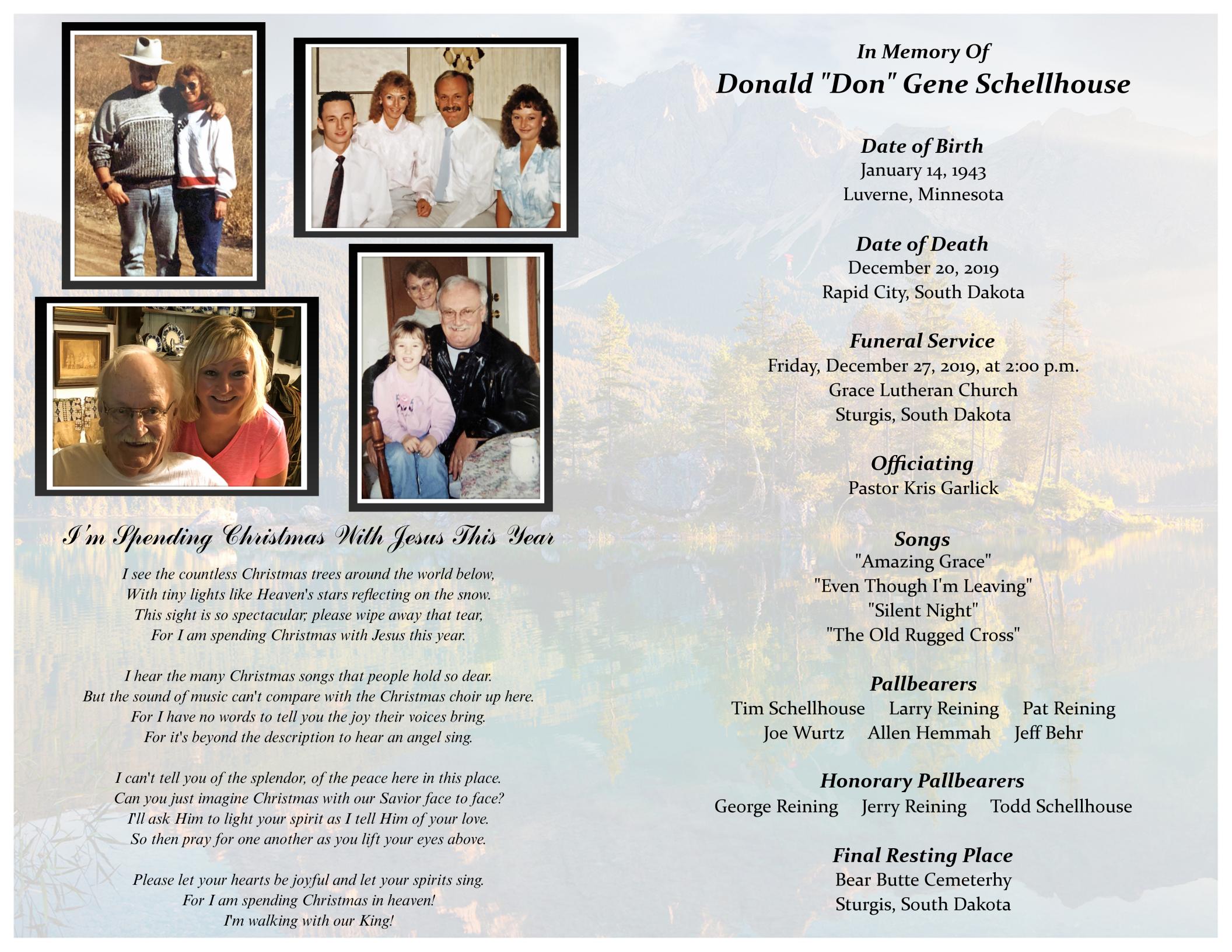
Left to cherish his memory are his daughter, Ginger (Dan) Niemann of Pierre, SD; granddaughter, Carly Niemann of Rapid City, SD; brother, Duane (Janice) Schellhouse of Sioux Falls, SD; sister, Janyce Richards of Oklahoma City, OK; and numerous nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Harry and Olga; wife, Donna; son, Jason; and brother, Dale.

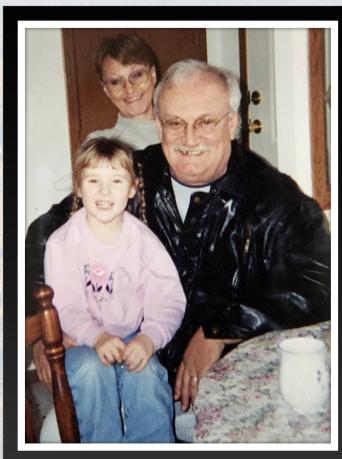
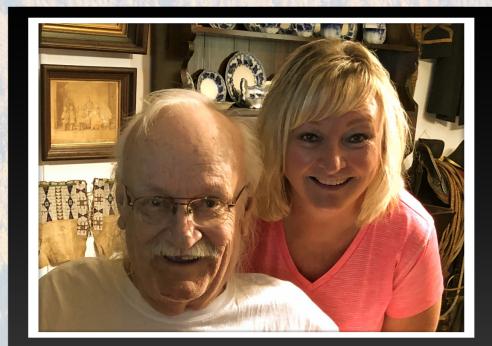
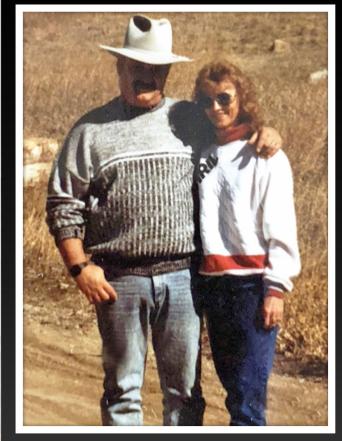
Condolences may be sent to the family at www.kinkadefunerals.com.

The family invites you to join them for fellowship and refreshments in the Son Shine Room following the committal. We thank you for your presence and condolences.





In Memory Of **Donald "Don" Gene Schellhouse**



I'm Spending Christmas With Jesus This Year

*I see the countless Christmas trees around the world below,
With tiny lights like Heaven's stars reflecting on the snow.
This sight is so spectacular; please wipe away that tear,
For I am spending Christmas with Jesus this year.*

*I hear the many Christmas songs that people hold so dear.
But the sound of music can't compare with the Christmas choir up here.
For I have no words to tell you the joy their voices bring.
For it's beyond the description to hear an angel sing.*

*I can't tell you of the splendor, of the peace here in this place.
Can you just imagine Christmas with our Savior face to face?
I'll ask Him to light your spirit as I tell Him of your love.
So then pray for one another as you lift your eyes above.*

*Please let your hearts be joyful and let your spirits sing.
For I am spending Christmas in heaven!
I'm walking with our King!*

Date of Birth

January 14, 1943
Luverne, Minnesota

Date of Death

December 20, 2019
Rapid City, South Dakota

Funeral Service

Friday, December 27, 2019, at 2:00 p.m.
Grace Lutheran Church
Sturgis, South Dakota

Officiating
Pastor Kris Garlick

Songs
"Amazing Grace"
"Even Though I'm Leaving"
"Silent Night"
"The Old Rugged Cross"

Pallbearers

Tim Schellhouse Larry Reining Pat Reining
Joe Wurtz Allen Hemmah Jeff Behr

Honorary Pallbearers

George Reining Jerry Reining Todd Schellhouse

Final Resting Place

Bear Butte Cemetery
Sturgis, South Dakota