

## **Alfred John Hertel**

Alfred John Hertel was born August 28, 1926, in McLaughlin, SD, to Fred M. and Anna Helen Louise (Zimmerman) Hertel. He was raised on the family farm west of McLaughlin, and attended school in McLaughlin.

Alfred was drafted in the Army where he served in the Military Police from 1944 to 1947.

Alfred married Elnor Eisenbeis on May 17, 1949, in McLaughlin, SD. They started their lives farming in McLaughlin. In 1962, they moved to Central City, SD, and Alfred went to work for Homestake Gold Mine in Lead, SD, as an underground miner in 1962 where he worked for 29 years, retiring in 1989.

After retirement, Alfred built a home in Sturgis, SD, where he and his bride (Elnor) of over 65 years live still today.

Alfred played many rolls in his life, loving husband and father, farmer, miner, entrepreneur, and carpenter.

He was baptized in the Lutheran faith in McLaughlin, SD. He raised his family in the Lutheran faith in Lead, SD.

Alfred loved to build. He built 2 homes, remodeled many on a large scale, but also built furniture to windmills to bird houses on a small scale. If you would visit him at their home, you'd probably find Alfred building something in his garage or checking his gardens, but he'd gladly break away just to play cards or marbles with his family and friends.

Alfred, 88, passed away peacefully on March 2, 2015, in hospice care at the Department of Veterans Affairs, Ft. Meade.

Alfred is survived by his loving wife, Elnor; five children; ten brothers; one sister; 17 grandchildren; 23 great-grandchildren; and 2 great-great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his father and mother, Fred M. and Anna (Zimmerman) Hertel; step-mother, Hildagard Billigmeier (Dobler) Hertel; six brothers; one sister; one child in infancy; two grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

A memorial has been established to Fort Meade Hospice.

Condolences may be sent to the family at [www.kinkadefunerals.com](http://www.kinkadefunerals.com).

## ***In Loving Memory Of***



***Alfred John Hertel***

***1926 ~ 2015***

*The family invites you to join them for fellowship and lunch in the  
Son Shine Room in the church basement following the committal service.  
We thank you for your presence and condolences.*



*In Loving Memory Of*

***Alfred John Hertel***

***Born***

August 28, 1926  
McLaughlin, South Dakota

***Died***

March 2, 2015  
Fort Meade, South Dakota

***Funeral Service***

Friday, March 6, 2015, at 10:00 a.m.  
Grace Lutheran Church  
Sturgis, South Dakota

***Officiating***

Pastor Henrique Fleming

***Special Music***

Roxie Chowen

***Musical Selections***

"The Old Rugged Cross"  
"What A Friend We Have in Jesus"  
"He Touched Me"

***Pallbearers***

Steven Goodro ~ Eric Goodro ~ Michael Lapp  
Jeremy Burton ~ Dustin Chase ~ Kevin Chase  
Corey Hertel ~ John Hamilton

***Interment***

Black Hills National Cemetery  
Sturgis, South Dakota

***TO THOSE I LOVE***

*If I should ever leave you, whom I love,  
To go the Silent Way, grieve not,  
Nor speak of me with tears, but laugh and talk  
Of me as if I were beside you there.  
(I'd come - I'd come could I but find a way!  
But would not tears and grief be barriers?)  
And when you hear a song or see a bird I loved,  
Please do not let the thoughts of me be sad.  
For I am loving you just as I always have . . .  
You were so good to me!  
There are so many things I wanted still to do  
So many things to say to you. . .  
Remember that I did not fear. . .  
It was just leaving you that was so hard to face. . .  
We cannot see beyond . . . But this I know;  
I loved you so - 'twas heaven here with you!*

*-Isia Paschal Richardson*