

To every thing there is a season,
and a time to every purpose under the heaven:

A time to be born, and a time to die;
a time to plant, and a time to pluck up
that which is planted;

A time to kill, and a time to heal;
a time to break down, and a time to build up;

A time to weep, and a time to laugh;
a time to mourn, and a time to dance;

A time to cast away stones, and a time to
gather stones together; a time to embrace,
and a time to refrain from embracing;

A time to get, and a time to lose;
a time to keep, and a time to cast away;

A time to rend, and a time to sew;
a time to keep silence, and a time to speak;

A time to love, and a time to hate;
a time of war, and a time of peace.

Ecclesiastes 3



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Francis Dale Coats, age 96, of Huron, formerly of Doland, died on Friday, September 04, 2020, in the Avantara Care Center of Huron.

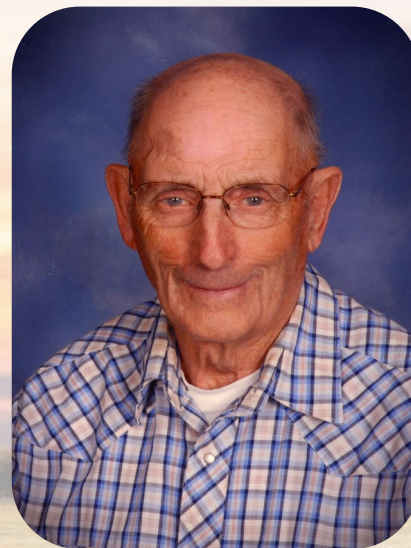
Francis Coats was born in Doland on November 8, 1923, to Ernest and Veronica (Paris) Coats. Francis was the youngest of 7 boys and a girl. Francis attended Capitola Township School in Doland, SD. He was one of only three students in his class. While in school, Francis met his bride-to-be (the only girl in his class), Gleo Roberts. They were married in the Redfield Courthouse on February 22, 1945. To pay for the wedding, Francis took his car to Huron on a trailer to sell it. It also paid for their honeymoon! Together, Francis and Gleo spent the first years of marriage living near Miller, SD, on the family farm. In the fall of 1948, they purchased a farm southwest of Doland.

Throughout his life, Francis was a bus driver for 12 years, retiring in 1962. He also worked at the Hardware Store in Doland, for DeKalb Seed Company – winning many awards during his tenure, at Hiles Construction as a road grader, and for 10 years as the Rural Route Carrier. Francis was also a member of the Doland Township Board for many years as well as a Doland School Board member.

In his free time, Francis loved to mow the lawn, hunt pheasants and fish, play cards, visit with family and friends, and watch professional sports, especially the Twins and Vikings.

Preceding him in death were his parents; wife, Gleo; son, Jim Coats; son-in-law, Richard Martian; and siblings, Les, Bill, Merle, Howard, Sid, Shorty, and Norma.

Survivors include his daughter, Cheri Martian; daughter-in-law, Jane Coats; grandkids, James (Lisa) Coats, Shelley (Chris Rice) Coats, John (Susan) Coats, Erin (Brian Ellison) Coats, Jennifer Coats, Josh (Bailey) Coats, Dale (Lin) Martian, Carla (Tatum) Sandquist, Kathy (John) Roggow, Peggy (Craig) Valnes; 18 great-grandchildren; and 5 great-great-grandchildren.



Celebrating the Life of Francis Coats



Services from

Doland Methodist Church
Doland, South Dakota
Wednesday, September 9, 2020
2:00 PM

Officiant

Reverend Harold Loewen

Music

Deb Schroeder—Organist
“Amazing Grace”
“In The Garden”

Casket Bearers

Josh Coats	John Coats	James Coats	Dale Martian
Tatum Sandquist		John Roggow	Craig Valnes

Honorary Casket Bearers

His Grandchildren, Great Grandchildren
& Great-Great Grandchildren

Interment

Doland Cemetery
Doland, South Dakota



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