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**K**enneth Leo Witte was born on July 14, 1939 in Orient, South Dakota to parents Harold H. and Alfreda (Bode) Witte. He lived on the family farm with his seven brothers and sister, attending country school and graduating from Orient High School. Ken joined the United States Army on October 31, 1957.

On June 11, 1958, Ken married Hazel Marker in Aberdeen, Maryland where he was stationed. Shortly after their wedding, Ken was sent to Korea. After his return, Ken and Hazel started their family and lived in Junction City, Kansas and Sparta, Wisconsin before he was honorably discharged. The growing family moved to Miller, SD and Vivian, SD where Ken was a route driver for Old Home Bread. He then took the manager position of Old Home in Huron. He retired in 2002. After retirement, Ken drove school bus for 8 years for the Huron School District. Ken believed in volunteering and helping others in the community. He drove the van for the VA, delivered meals on wheels and gave golf cart rides during the State Fair.

In his free time, Ken enjoyed fishing, camping, wood working, and puzzles. He always loved having a dog by his side. Ken was a member of Holy Trinity Catholic Parish, Knights of Columbus, American Legion, Huron Senior Center and the Rover Camping Club.

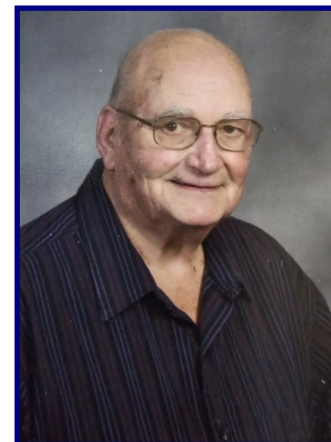
Grateful for having shared in his life is his wife of 65+ years, Hazel, of Huron; his children, Leonard (Kathy) of Brookings, Rodney (Hally) of Huron, Tamara (Timothy) Jackson of Humboldt, Carla Picek of Huron, Brad (Robyn) of Des Moines, IA; 14 grandchildren and 17 great-grandchildren and #18 arriving in August; his siblings, Ray of Watertown, Bill (Sherry) of Gettysburg, Don (Judy) of Sioux Falls, Darlene Van Well of Sioux Falls, Terry (Carol) of Sioux Falls; sisters-in-law, Beth Witte of Seneca, and Phyllis Smith of Sioux Falls; and many nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents; brothers, Harold (MaryAnn) and Robert; sister-in-law Barb Witte and brothers-in-law Kenny VanWell and Lloyd Smith.

#### **DAD**

He never looks for praises  
He's never one to boast  
He just goes on quietly working  
For those he loves the most  
His dreams are seldom spoken  
His wants are very few  
And most of the time his worries  
Will go unspoken too  
He's there....A firm foundation  
Through all our storms of life  
A sturdy hand to hold to  
In times of stress and strife  
A true friend we can turn to  
When times are good or bad  
One of our greatest blessings,  
The man that we call Dad.

## **CELEBRATING THE LIFE OF**



## **Kenneth L. Witte**

**July 14, 1939 ~ June 1, 2024**

### **SCRIPTURE SERVICE**

6:00 p.m., Wednesday, June 5, 2024  
Welter Funeral Home  
Huron, South Dakota

### **MASS OF CHRISTIAN BURIAL**

10:30 a.m., Thursday, June 6, 2024  
Holy Trinity Catholic Parish  
Huron, South Dakota  
Fr. Larry Regynski, Celebrant

### **MUSICIANS**

Tammy Musil ~ Pianist  
Ann Blondheim ~ Cantor

### **CASKET BEARERS**

Randy Witte ~ Brian Witte ~ Justin Killian  
Eric Witte ~ Tyler Jackson ~ Dillion Benson  
Nicholas Picek ~ Cade Witte

### **HONORARY CASKETBEARERS**

Ken's Many Friends

### **INTERMENT**

St. Martin Cemetery  
Huron, South Dakota

### **MILITARY HONORS**

South Dakota Army National Guard Military Honors Team

### HAND IN HAND

We walked through life hand in hand.  
I left and you don't understand.  
I left my love surrounding you,  
It is still precious and true.  
Memories meant for you to embrace,  
Leaving my love's trace.  
My work was done, I heard God's voice,  
I knew I must make a choice.  
I knew our time was different now,  
I knew you couldn't go somehow.  
All at once I began to remember,  
We'd built a family together.  
They'd be there to comfort you,  
Loving you until your days were through.  
Then my heart knew I was right,  
I had to follow the eternal light.  
I've just gone home to wait for you,  
Until you've finished your work too.  
Don't waste your time grieving me,  
Do what you can to be happy.  
Someday you'll know my words were true,  
When God's voice calls on you.  
You'll find me waiting at heaven's gate,  
So don't tarry too long, don't be late.  
When the Angels take your hand,  
To bring you to the Promised Land.  
You and I will be together,  
Walking hand in hand forever!



*You are invited to gather with the family for lunch and fellowship in the confirmation room at Holy Trinity Catholic Parish immediately following Ken's committal service at the cemetery.*

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