



Douglass "Chick" Simons was born March 10, 1925 at home in White Owl to Grant and Lyda (Weyer) Simons. He left home at an early age to attend 4 different grade schools. He went to Sturgis to attend high school and graduated in 1943. After high school he worked several jobs. In 1945-46, he taught at the Teepee Creek School and then at the Ridge School in 1946-47.

Chick met the love of his life, Darleen Keffeler, in 1946 at a Union Center dance. In 1949, he started building his future wife a home. They married June 1, 1950 and moved into that home. Between family, friends, and neighbors, Chick built all the buildings at the home place. When the WREA came to the country, he wired most of the buildings around the community.

Chick and three other men started the Enning Fire Department and he was the first Fire Chief. He served on the School Board at White Owl #92 for many years. He served for the ASCS Service for 20+ years.

Chick was an avid baseball player and fan for many years. He coached little league baseball for several years. He also coached the men and women's softball teams, where he led the Cenex Chicks to a first-place finish at the state tournament. Many baseball and softball games were played on the field at his home place. During this same time, Chick carried on with his love of trapping, hunting, and fishing. Chick and Darleen enjoyed a second home in Pierre to go fishing with friends and family.

Chick's cattle always had a special place in his life. He started out with Herefords, but in the 1980s he switched to Salers and sold bulls for several years. At 93 years old he was still feeding his cattle every day.

Chick Simons, 95, of White Owl, died Monday, January 18, 2021 the Monument Health Home Plus Hospice House in Rapid City.

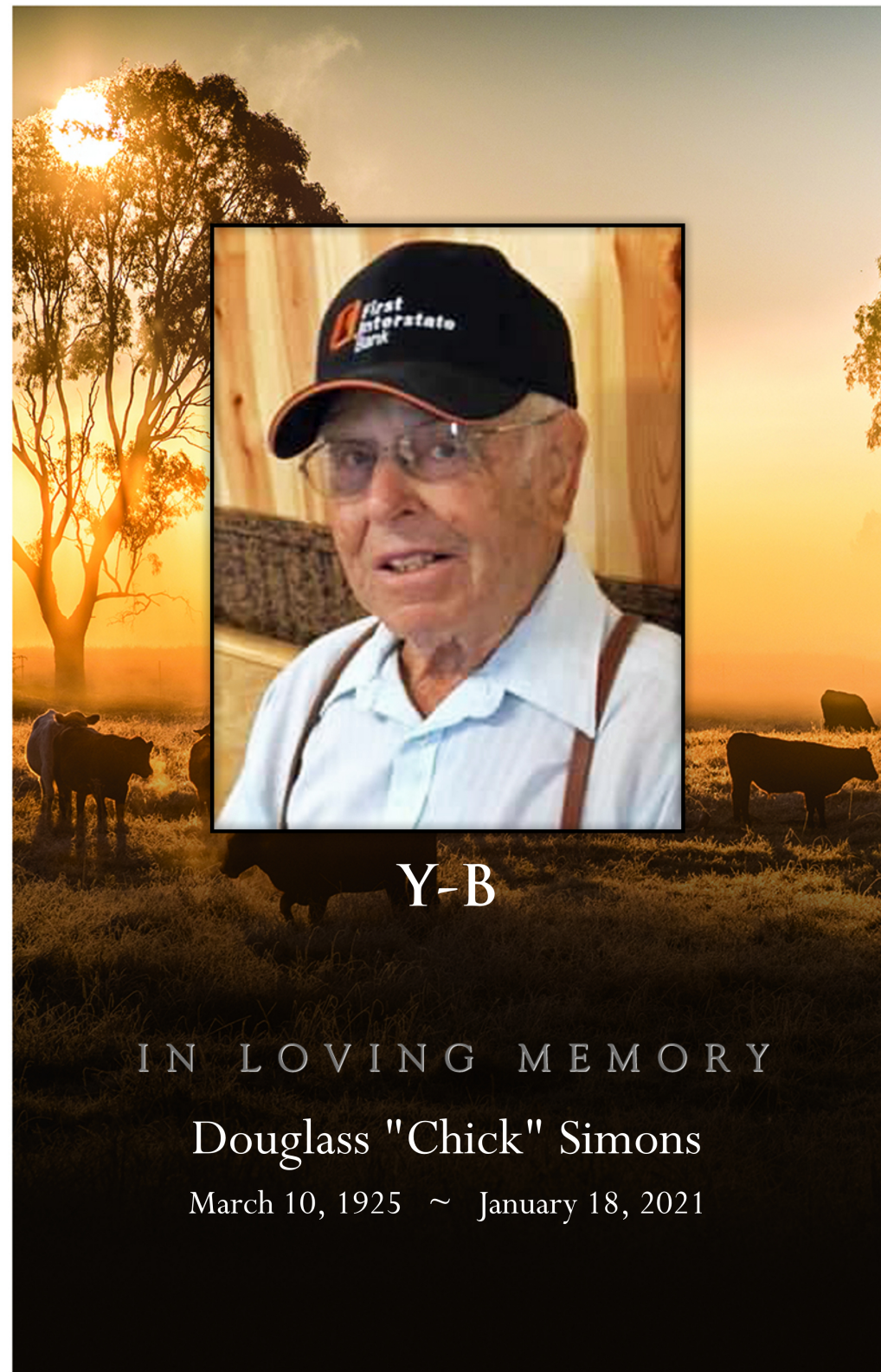
Chick is survived by his wife of 70 years, Darleen; four sons, Grant (Nancy Niederwerder), Johnny (Janice Aldren), Russell (Dawn Schofield), and Mickey (Drinda McAtee); numerous grandchildren and great-grandchildren; and 3 great-great-grandchildren.

He is preceded in death by his parents; 1 brother; 6 sisters; 2 grandchildren; and 1 great-grandchild.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to the White Owl Hall, the Enning Fire Department, and Enning Ambulance.

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

The family invites you to remain at the Community Center and join them for fellowship and lunch following the funeral. We thank you for your presence and condolences.





GONE FISHING

by David Ritter

*If someone should ask for me,
tell 'em heaven is where I'll be.
I've finished all my life's chores,
and now I fish on heaven's shores.*

*The view is grand and the fishing's great,
but I yearn for you as I wait.
I'll save a spot on the river's bend,
for all those, I call family and friend.*

*But for now, head to the Manistee
and make a cast in memory,
to all the good times that you had,
with me - your friend, your grandpa . . . your dad.*

*And if the fish no longer bite
or seem no longer worth the fight,
'cause it's me that you are missin',
don't worry - be happy - I've gone fishin'.*

In Memory Of **Douglass "Chick" Simons**

Date of Birth

March 10, 1925
White Owl, South Dakota

Date of Death

January 18, 2021
Rapid City, South Dakota

Funeral Service

Thursday, January 21, 2021, at 11:00 a.m.
Central Meade County Community Center
Union Center, South Dakota

Officiating

Pastor Harold Delbridge

Musicians

John Rhoden Edna Smith Danny Chapman

Congregational Hymns

"The Old Rugged Cross" "In The Garden"

Special Music

"Old Shep" "I Want To Stroll Over Heaven With You"
"Take Me Out To The Ball Game"

Pallbearers

All Chick's Grandsons
Boyce Simons Doug Simons Tommy Simons
Tyler Simons Tanner Simons Tony Simons Brian Totten

Honorary Pallbearers

All Chick's Granddaughters
Shara Haines Carrie Simons Erica Van Horn Amonda Demory
Sarah Antrim Tristen Simons Sam Sauer Alicia Simons Allen Hodgman

Final Resting Place

White Owl Cemetery
White Owl, South Dakota