

**Don was born in Hutchinson County on November 4, 1940 to Ruben and Lydia (Wollman) Ulmer. He spent his entire childhood working on the family farm near Menno, SD. After graduating from high school in 1958, he served one term in the United States Army and was stationed at Fort Lewis, WA. Don then married and had five children with his first wife. He then married the love of his life, Lois Deets of Norfolk, NE on August 12, 1978. Don was an excellent carpenter and took great pride in his work. In his free time, he enjoyed building cabinets, homes, and refurbishing luxury boats at the Lewis and Clark Marina. Later in his life, he returned to farming and took over the family farm when his father retired. He and Lois enjoyed many years on the farm, caring for the livestock and crops. Don had a great love for hunting and fishing and was an enthusiastic outdoorsman. He looked forward to deer hunting season every year and shared this passion with his two sons.**

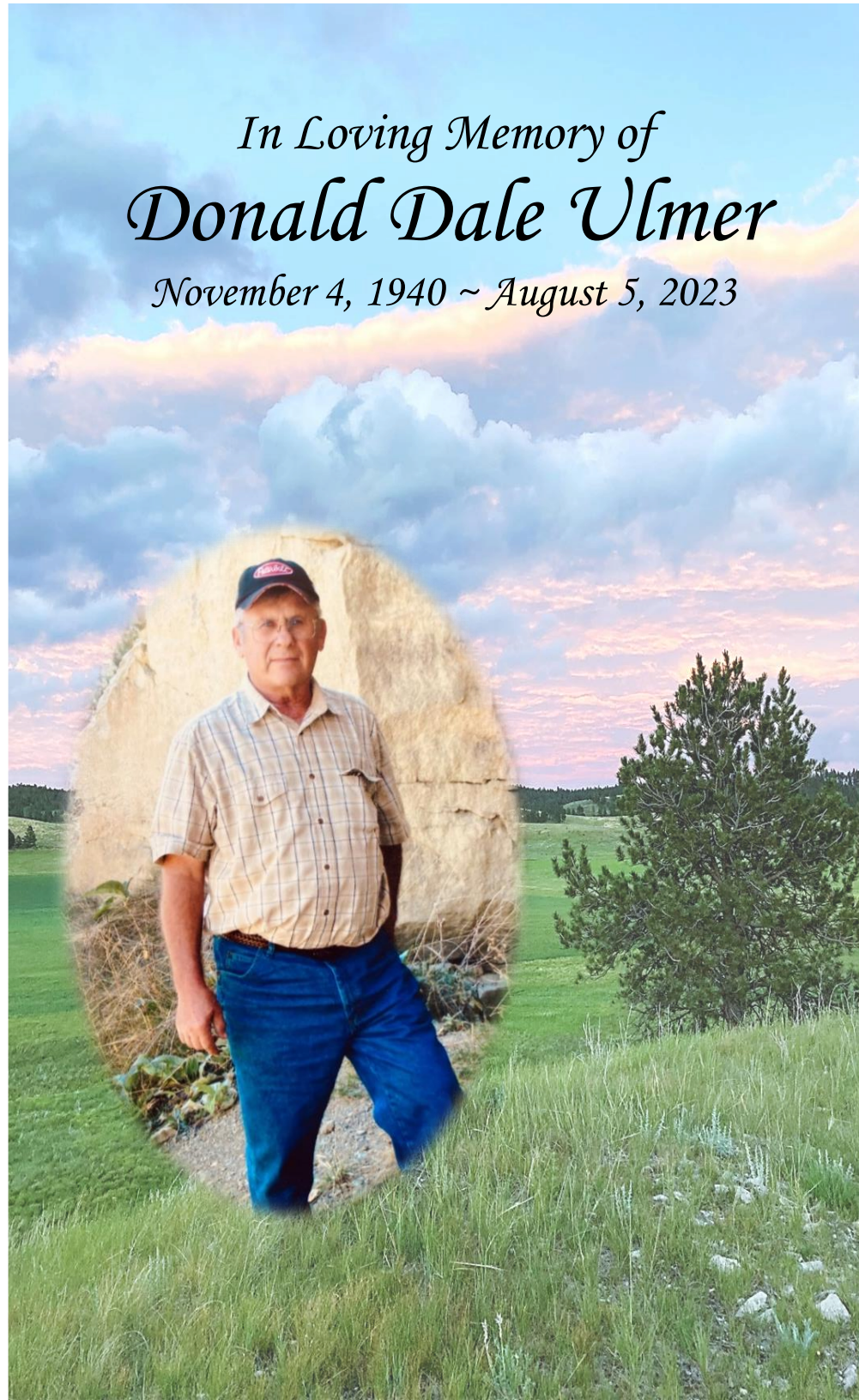
**He passed away on Saturday, August 5, 2023 at the age of 82 years.**

**Don will be lovingly remembered by his wife, Lois of 45 years; his children, Kim Gorter (Rick), Kevin Ulmer, Kathy Hall (Jon), Karla Efird (Richard), Kenley Ulmer (Christine) and Dawn Huber (Neil); his brother, Ewald Ulmer; sisters-in-law, Sharon Zautke and Pat Huisman and brother-in-law, Wallace Deets (Karen). He leaves behind 14 grandchildren and 17 great-grandchildren and one very special fur baby, Willow.**

**He was preceded in death by his father and mother, Ruben and Lydia Ulmer; his sister, Marjorie Grosz; brother-in-law, Verne Grosz; sister-in-law, Joann Ulmer; father and mother-in-law, Ernest and Florence Deets; brothers-in-law, Roger Deets, Duane Zautke and Veryl Huisman.**

*In Loving Memory of*  
**Donald Dale Ulmer**

*November 4, 1940 ~ August 5, 2023*



## Gone Hunting

Remember the smiles and not the tears  
For all the hunts throughout the years  
Don't dwell on things left unsaid  
Cherish the memories we had instead

Like the crisp mornings and dusky nights  
A trophy buck within our sights  
Deer camp with friends and family  
These moments meant so much to me

When peace from nature all around  
Was shattered by a sudden sound  
I always hoped your aim was true  
And smiled with pride for all of you

So don't cry for me because life is done  
Stalking the fields has just begun  
Come fall may smiles adorn your face  
Knowing I've gone hunting...  
in a better place

by David Ritter

## VISITATION

5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.  
Sunday, August 13, 2023  
Goglin Funeral Home  
Yankton, South Dakota

## MEMORIAL SERVICE

11:00 a.m.  
Monday, August 14, 2023  
St John's Lutheran Church  
Yankton, South Dakota

## CLERGY

Pastor Steve Weispfennig

## MUSIC

Sheila Peterson ~ organist

## Hymns

*Let Us Ever Walk With Jesus*  
*Peace Like a River*  
*Precious Lord, Take My Hand*  
*In the Garden*

## Urn Bearers

Luke Ulmer & Geri Ann Dixon