CLOSE THE GATE

For this one farmer the worries are over, lie down and rest your head, Your time has been and struggles enough, put the tractor in the shed. Years were not easy, many downright hard, but your faith in God transcended, Put away your tools and sleep in peace. The fences have all been mended. You raised a fine family, worked the land well and always followed the Son, Hang up your shovel inside of the barn; your work here on earth is done. A faith few possess, led your journey through life, often a jagged and stony way, The sun is setting, the cattle are all bedded, and here now is the end of your day. Your love of God's soil has passed on to your kin; the stories flow like fine wine, Wash off your work boots in the puddle left by blessed rain one final time. You always believed that the good Lord would provide and He always had somehow, Take off your gloves and put them down, no more sweat and worry for you now. Your labor is done, your home now is heaven; no more must you wait, Your legacy lives on, your love of the land, and we will close the gate. Nancy Kraayenhof

Dale Alvin Stewart 1929 ~ 2021

In Loving Memory

In loving memory **Dale Alvin Stewart** June 3,1929 ~ September 2 2021

Funeral

1:30 p.m. Friday, September 10, 2021 Community Church Scotland, South Dakota

> *Clergy Vicar Andy Bueber*

Organist Sharon Orth

Soloist Dr. Trenton Custis "Amazing Grace"

Congregational Hymns

"The Spirit Song" "What A Friend We Have in Jesus"

Casket Bearers & Honorary Pall Bearers

All of Dale's Grandchildren

Interment

Rosehill Cemetery Scotland, SD Military Honors by SD National Honors Guard & Scotland VFW Post 2966

"Taps" played by Jared Hanson

Dale Stewart was born June 3, 1929 in Ravinia, South Dakota to Ralph and Lillian (Caldwell) Stewart. The family then moved to Tyndall, South Dakota where he made many friends and begin courting the "love of his life" Ruth (Goeken) Stewart.

Dale went on with his adult life by joining the Army. In the Army, Dale was a combat engineer during the Korean War and operated large equipment in dangerous conflict conditions. Most of his time in Korea was spent on the front line, south of the 38th parallel. During these difficult years, Dale reached the rank of Sergeant and he was awarded the Korean service medal, United Nations service medal, two overseas bars and one bronze service star. Dale served in the armed services from July, 1951 to April, 1953. He came home on leave in November 1951 to marry Ruth. They made a life together for the next 62 years before Ruth's passing on March 6, 2013.

During Dale's life he had a passion for farming. His life revolved around the love of the land and everything that went with farming. He always laughed and commented that farming made him feel like he never worked a day in his life. His proudest moments were, reflecting on the fact, that his love of the land/farming was being passed down to his children and grandchildren.

Dale's grandchildren and great-grandchildren brought him much joy. They always looked forward to tours of the farm and his famous tractor rides. So went the life of Great-grandpa Tuffy.

Dale Stewart age 92 of Scotland, passed away Thursday, September 2, 2021 at Good Samaritan Society, Scotland.

Grateful for sharing Dale's life are his five children, Linda (Dan) Custis of Custer, Lonna (Derrill) Hanson of Madison, Larry (Karen) Stewart of Scotland, Lee (Brenda) Stewart of Peachtree City, Georgia and Lyle (Janelle) Stewart of Peachtree City, Georgia; nine grandchildren, Jared (Margaret) Hanson of Berkeley, California, Trent (Kelly) Custis of Dallas, Texas, Janna (Nathan) Olson of Harrisburg, Tyler (Megan) Custis of Vermillion, Ashley (Tanner) Swanson of Yankton, Kyle (Paige) Stewart of Scotland, Dylan Stewart of Scotland, Olivia Stewart and Garrett Stewart of Peachtree City, Georgia. Great-grandchildren include, Miles Hanson, Charlotte and Henry Custis, Jayci and Paxton Olson, Knox and Brooks Custis, Lucy and Sylvie Swanson and Lance and Coby Stewart.

Dale's special friends/caregivers were Jody and Nicole.

Dale was preceded in death by his wife, Ruth; his parents, Ralph and Lillian and his siblings, Margaret and Don.



Dad ~ Grandpa



From Dale's nieces & nephews



JoAnn, Reif, Garry-Caroll Brown, Dwayne Brown, Marlene Wallbaum, Willie Jamison, Doug Brown L Marilyn Brown



Our thoughts & prayers are with you all. Rest in peace, Dale. ~The Triana Family Brian, Carolyn, Patrick & Carly



Kyle, Paige L Stewart Family Our sympathies, Dillon, Ashley, Kacen L Kenna Fischer, Brandon, Amanda L Family



Our deepest sympathy Love the McKee family Bruce, Kay, Melissa, Tyler, Kristin L Ryan



Thinking of all of you I your families

Kim Schrempp L Steve LaFave



Kevin L Jeanie Pravecek Jordan L Brittany L family Scott L Stacy L family Travis Kubal



The Langes ~ Dorothy, Lee L Mary, Nick L Brian



German Mutual Insurance Andy I Ryan



All our love Melanie L Wally Doppenberg L Family Kay L Bryan Eder L Family



Thinking of you in your time of sorrow ~Central Farmers Coop



Love to All, Jody, Shari, Avery, Sydney & Joel



John Speir, Bill Speir & Nutrien Family



Larry & Karen ~ You are in our continued thoughts & prayers. Scott & Julie VanGerpen



Stewart Family ~ Thinking of you all! Jared, Jenny, Henry L Harrison Zweifel



Tanner & Ashley Stewart Family Thinking of you! Dillon, Ashley, Kacen & Kenna Fischer, Brandon, Amanda & Family



All our love Melanie & Wally Doppenberg & Family Kay & Bryan Eder & Family



Rodger L Sandy Brandt (for Larry L Karen after the service)



Springfield Assisted Living Residents & Staff We miss him!



Kaylor, Parkston & Tabor Grain



Our Deepest Sympathy Oscar & Tricia Harper





Thinking of you, Dick & Peg Behl Duane & Debbie Dean Joe & Rhonda Bouza





In loving memory of Dale Stewart. We are so saddened for your loss. We lift you all in our prayers during this difficult time.

Love to you all L God Bless! June L Jason French L Family <image>

The Rada Family

Dan L Linda ~ You are in our continued thoughts L prayers. Scott L Julie VanGerpen

