

I'M FREE

Don't grieve for me, for now I'm free. I'm following the path God has laid you see. I took his hand when I heard His call. I turned my back and left it all.

I could not stay another day, To laugh, to love, to work or play. Tasks left undone must stay that way, I found the peace at the close of day.

If my parting has left a void, Then fill it with remembered joy A friendship shared, a laugh, a kiss, Oh yes, these things I too will miss.

Be not burdened with times of sorrow. I wish you the sunshine of tomorrow. My life's been full, I savored much. Good friends, good times, a loved one's touch.

Lift up your hearts, and peace to thee -God wanted me now; He set me free. IN LOVING MEMORY OF

Silas George Ulrich

WHO WAS BORN November 14, 1923 Ortonville, Minnesota

AND CALLED TO HIS ETERNAL HOME August 31, 2023 Ortonville, Minnesota

FUNERAL SERVICE Tuesday, September 5, 2023 - 11:00 a.m. Mundwiler Funeral Home Chapel Milbank, South Dakota

> SCRIPTURE Daniel Ulrich

MUSICIAN Theresa Ulrich, Pianist

CASKET BEARERS Ken Ulrich | Tim Ulrich | Lynn Henkelman Larry Hutchinson | David Ulrich | Brody Hoffman

HONORARY BEARERS Donald Henkelman | Vernon Henkelman | Jessica Hoffman Wanda Thompson | Ryker Hoffman | Daniel Ulrich Sarah Ulrich | Matthew Larson | Jeff Schmidt

> INTERMENT Yellowbank Emmanuel Evangelical Cemetery Lac qui Parle County, Minnesota

APPRECIATION The family of Silas Ulrich would like to thank you very much for the cards, flowers, and kind expressions of sympathy. No further thank you's will be sent.

Mundwiler and Larson Funeral Home - Ortonville, Minnesota

S ilas George Ulrich was born on November 14, 1923, in Ortonville, MN, to George and Elsie (Henkelman) Ulrich. He was baptized and confirmed at the Evangelical United Brethren Church in Bellingham, MN. Si grew up on the family farm one mile north of Rosen, MN. He attended country school at District #97 (half a mile south of Rosen) and later attended Bellingham High School. Following high school, Si continued to farm alongside his father on the family farm.

Si met Louise Wallmann at the Eagle Café in Ortonville where she worked as a waitress. On March 16, 1952, Si was united in marriage with Louise at Emmanuel Evangelical Church in Hankinson, ND, where she was from.

Together, Si and Louise made their home on the family farm which Si farmed for 13 years. They attended church at Evangelical United Brethren which later became the United Methodist Church of Bellingham. His first job while he was still on the farm was a salesman and later, district manager for Occo Feed Supplement Company. Si helped with farming until his father passed away in 1965. After his father's death, Si and Louise moved to Breckenridge, MN, where Si worked at Fieldcrest Fertilizer as a sales manager for 10 years. As a sideline, Si owned Si's Camper Sales, where he sold Winnebago motorhomes and trailers.

In 1974, the couple moved to Appleton, MN, where Si sold Agri-Cover roll-up truck tarps until 1979. Si and Louise moved to Ortonville in 1979 where Si worked for Stegner Golf Carts for 10 years. He established dealerships in a six-state area and won all expense paid trips to Hawaii for he and Louise three years in a row.

In Ortonville, on December 12, 1946, Si took his flying exam at the Ortonville Airport, with Vince Stegner giving the test, and earned his pilot's license. He later purchased his own plane and enjoyed giving family, neighbors, and friends rides in his Piper Cherokee 140. Si also enjoyed riding motorcycles, snowmobiles, boats, his tandem bicycle, and roller skating. Si and Louise loved to dance, especially polka. He played the sousaphone in the Rosen Community Band as well as several local polka bands including, "Rusty Hinges" and "Thunder Road". Si continued to enjoy going to polka dances (in his wheelchair) two weeks before he passed.

Si is survived by five nieces: Susan Schultz of Mantador, ND; Sandy Hubrig of Hankinson, ND; Nancy Schmidt-Hanson of Illinois; Jane Kulla of Maple Grove, MN; and Wanda Thompson of Eagan, MN; and; two nephews: Jeff Schmidt of Hankinson, ND; and Stan Schmidt of Medford, WI; four cousins: Gretchen Brayley of Kerrville, TX; Vernon Henkelman of Appleton, MN; Donald Henkelman of Correll, MN; and Dale Henkelman of Willmar, MN; and extended family: Ken (Sharyl) Ulrich, Darion Ulrich, Jessica (Brian) Hoffman, Brody Hoffman, Ryker Hoffman, Linda (Harold) Newcomb, Joyce Mork, David Ulrich, Faye (David) Wahl, Cindy (Randy) Griffin, Judy (Danny) Ulrich, Bonnie Erickson, Tim (Theresa) Ulrich, Daniel Ulrich, and Sarah Ulrich.

Preceding him in death are his father, George; mother, Elsie; wife, Louise in 2006; and infant brother, Jessie Ulrich.

Si was especially grateful to his caregiver, Jessica Larson for all she did for him and Louise over many years. He was so happy to be able to watch Jessica's young son, Matthew, grow up. Beginning when he was only three days old, Matthew would come along with Jessica on many of her care visits to Silas. Si also enjoyed watching Brody, Ryker, Daniel, and Sarah grow and cherished their visits.

