

Funeral Service

Zion Church of God in Christ, Mennonite
Inman, Kansas
Sunday, August 7, 2022, at 10:30 AM

Officiating Ministers

Maynard Koehn Caleb Holloway
Dennis Ensz David Isaac

Special Music

Zion Church Choir

Pallbearers

Alex Dirks Collin Dirks Carson Dirks
Jasper Dirks Lance Dirks Bryan Reimer

Interment

Zion Church Cemetery
Inman, Kansas

Memorial Donations

The family suggests that memorial donations be given to the Inman Museum or DaVita Dialysis Center of Hutchinson in loving memory of Wes.

Appreciation

On behalf of the family, we wish to express their sincere appreciation for all your kindness, evidenced in thought and deed, and for your presence at this service.

Stockham Family Funeral Home

In Loving Memory
CELEBRATING A LIFE

The Traveler

A traveler ventured forth one day,
Upon a long and winding road.
With faith and trust to lead the way
With strength and will to bear his load.

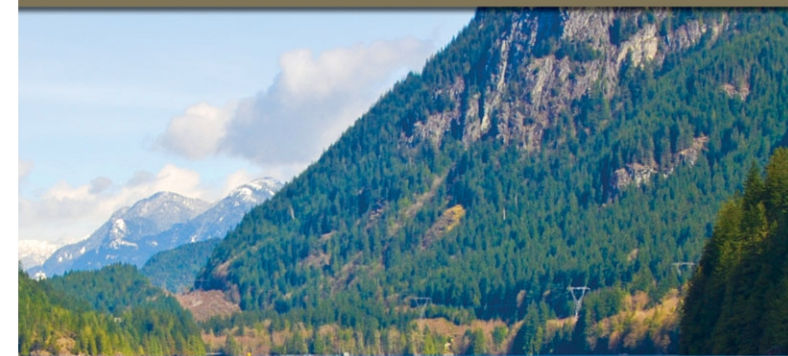
And through the dust and heat he went
With purpose clear he did not fail.
Until at last his strength was spent,
And he grew weary on the trail.

And so, it was at last one day
He climbed a hill's soft rounding crest
And saw a light not far away
That seemed to promise peace and rest.

Then following its glow, he came
Upon the house in which it shone.
A voice inside called out his name,
And told him he was truly home.

Yet not alone he'd climbed that hill.
For angel steps had marked the road.
And those who had remained behind
All softly whispered "Go with God".

Hope Strength



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Memories

My beloved husband, father, grandfather, and great-grandfather, Wesley A Dirks, was born to Noah K. and Martha Mae (Butts) Dirks on September 22, 1944, in Bonners Ferry, ID. He peacefully passed away on Tuesday, August 2, 2022, surrounded by family at Hutchinson Regional Medical Center, Hutchinson KS. He reached the age of 77 years.

He was privileged to spend his childhood and youth years living on a farm on the banks of the Kootenai River in the beautiful Kootenai Valley of northern Idaho. His growing up years were full of adventure, and it was here that he received his education. At the age of 12, he answered God's call to salvation and was baptized into the Church of God in Christ, Mennonite, on December 16, 1956, by Milford Wenger. He treasured and was loyal to this faith all his life.

His time spent in the 1-W Service Program at Albuquerque, NM was special to him even though it was cut short by a car accident which resulted in him having a broken neck. He encouraged each of us boys to participate in voluntary service.

He was united in marriage to Corinne Rose Reimer on July 14, 1968, at Zion Church of God in Christ, Mennonite, Inman, KS. They established their home in Bonners Ferry, ID where their four sons were born. They enjoyed 54 years of married life together. A special memory after his father's passing was meeting his mother each Sunday morning on their garden path where they would drink coffee and visit.

He worked in various occupations including McFarland Farms, Byrite Lumber Yard, and Mastre Construction before starting his own business, WD Construction, which he thoroughly enjoyed most of his life. In 1981, they moved to Inman, KS and became involved in the poultry business, farming, and construction. Wes loved nature, gardening, flowers, hunting, fishing, and watching wildlife in general. His interest in people won him many friends, and he entertained young and old alike with many stories. In his retirement years, his hobbies included carving on limestone posts and working with wood.

Dad loved the church, and it showed by his regular attendance and participation in church

*Honor
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activities. He served the congregation, filling various positions through the years. He loved his family and was interested in each grandchild. He enjoyed good health until about three years ago when, due to complications, he needed dialysis. He was an inspiration of courage as he accepted his physical limitations; trying to look on the bright side knowing the outcome of his illness.

Those left to cherish fond memories include: his wife, Corinne; four sons, Darin (Jana) Dirks of Inman, KS, Gregory (Becky) Dirks of Morven, NC, Anthony "Tony" (Sharon) Dirks of McVeytown, PA, and Trevor (Kristin) Dirks of Windom, KS; six siblings, Wilma Friesen of Almena, WI, Jeraldine (Odes) Unruh of Bonners Ferry, ID, James (Marty) Dirks of Creston, BC, Canada, Linda (Delmar) Enz of Inman, KS, Elizabeth (John) Holdeman of Bonners Ferry, ID, and Alice (Glen) Isaac of Bonners Ferry, ID; 13 grandchildren; and one great-grandchild.

He was preceded in death by his parents, his parents-in-law, and two brothers-in-law.