

Funeral Service

10:00 a.m., Thursday, August 1, 2024
Gillette Memorial Chapel
Gillette, Wyoming

Officiant

Pastor Dan Morgan
High Plains Community Church

Urnbearers

Doug Olson · Scott Olson · Jim Federenko
Todd Olson · Jake Cooper · Jason Cooper
Jan Folland · Krystle Folland

Honorary Casketbearers

Hunter Olson · Tanner Olson · Jack Cooper
Chase Molder · Sydney Cooper
Kiera Cooper · Eva Cooper

Music

“In the Mood”
“I’m In a Hurry To Get Things Done”

Honor Guard

American Legion Post #42

Inurnment

10:00 a.m., Saturday, August 24, 2024
Schafer Cemetery
Watford City, ND

Officiant

Matt Rolfson

The family extends an invitation to a time of fellowship
and refreshments following the service.



Guy Casablanca | Rita Mashak
Corrine Thompson | Tara Puklich
Funeral Service-Monuments-
Advance Planning-Cremation-
Lending Library, Learning to say
goodbye; children's tour.



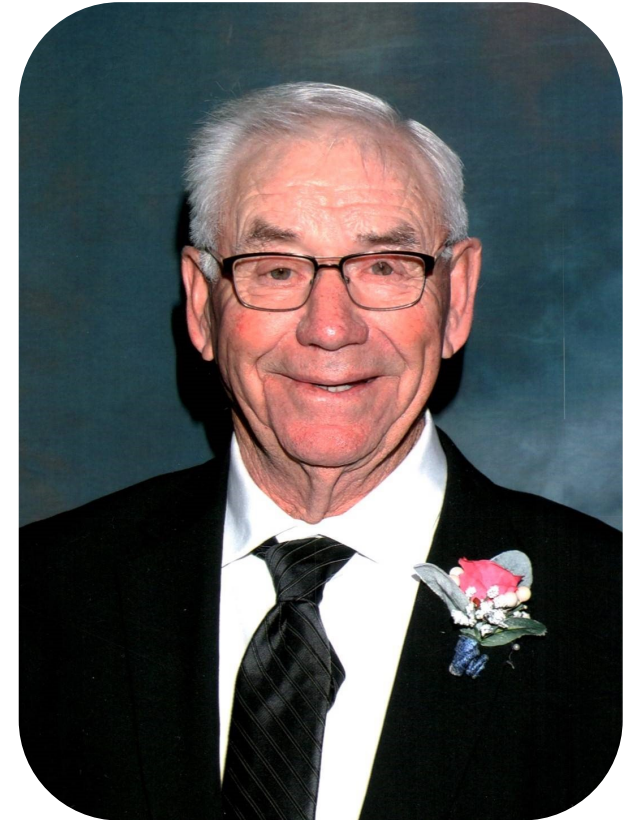
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tribute.

“Swede” Facts

Collected many hats
Collect golf balls
Washed golf balls in the dishwasher
Fished golf balls out water traps at the golf course
Loved hanging out with the great-grandkids
Loved to express his opinion
Loved eating at the Senior Center
Loved camping at Hart Ranch
Was a meat, potato and corn man
Lost a boat and trailer going down I-90
Always hung up without a good-bye on the phone
Always early sometimes too early
Always wanted to eat at 5 p.m.
Made a hole in one
Made things work like “A Jewel Watch”
“Ain’t got no money”
“I made a boo boo today”
“We have enough” before running out of gas
“Everything tastes better with peanut butter”
Best of all he was known as “Papa Swede”



Remembering the Life of Duane “Swede” Erickson



June 22, 1936

July 17, 2024

Obituary

Duane Daryl “Swede” Erickson passed away on July 17, 2024, at the age of 88 at Campbell County Memorial Hospital after a short illness. Swede was born in Fairview, Montana on June 22, 1936 the only child of Jeanette (Gue) and Elmer Erickson. He was raised in Watford City, North Dakota and attended Watford City High School where he played baseball, football and basketball. After graduating in 1955, Swede attended Minot State Teaching College for a year. He entered the US Army in 1958 and was stationed at Fort Lewis in Spokane, Washington. Swede told stories of driving for chow six times a day and for higher ranking officers. He was honorably discharged in 1960 after two years of service. On November 17, 1961, Swede was united in marriage to Della Mae Olson at First Lutheran in Watford City, North Dakota. To this union, three children were born; Leann, Lori and Dean. During their 49-year marriage, Swede and Della Mae lived in the following towns in North Dakota; Watford City, Tiago, Westhope. In 1969, the family moved to Cut Bank, MT, Havre, MT in 1974, and Gillette, WY in 1981. After retiring, Della Mae and Swede moved to Watford City. Nine years after Della Mae passed, Swede moved back to Gillette, WY to be closer to his daughters, grandsons and great-grandchildren. During his lifetime, Swede hauled water for his dad, worked for Halliburton for 24 years and drove school bus for the Campbell County School District in Gillette for 17 years. He loved coaching midget-basketball for the Campbell County Recreation Center especially when his grandsons were younger. Swede loved to play golf, go fishing and camping. He was very good at doing leather work and continued working on it up to the last year of his life. Swede loved watching the old westerns and the classic country western music. He was known for tinkering with devices to make them better. Swede is survived by his daughter: Leann Erickson and Lori Cooper, both of Gillette, three grandchildren: Jake Cooper and Jason (Shelby), both of Gillette, and Krystle Folland of Athol, Idaho; four great-grandchildren, Kiera Cooper, Sydney Cooper, Jack Cooper all of Gillette and Eve Cooper of Michigan; sisters-in-law, Elaine (Gene) Federenko of Watford City, ND and Charlene Olson of Keene, ND, Two Nieces: Teri (Tim) Taylor of Watford City, ND and Julie Federenko of Phoenix, AZ; Four nephews: Jim Federenko of Grand Forks, ND, Doug Olson of Keene, ND, Todd Olson of Sheridan, WY and Scott (Loni) of Devils Lake, ND; four grandnieces, and four grandnephews. Swede was preceded in death by his parents Jeanette and Elmer Erickson, his wife Della Mae, one son, Dean, son-in-law, George Cooper and one nephew, Wayne Olson. Memorials and condolences may be sent in care of Gillette Memorial Chapel 210 West 5t Street, Gillette, WY 82716.

