

Letting Go

*The angels gathered near your bed,
So very close to you.
For they knew the pain and suffering
That you were going through.*

*I thought about so many things,
As I held tightly to your hand.
Oh, how I wished that you were strong
and happy once again.*

*But your eyes were looking homeward,
To that place beyond the sky.
Where Jesus held His outstretched arms,
It was time to say goodbye*

*I struggled with my selfish thoughts,
For I wanted you to stay,
So we could walk and talk again,
Like we did just yesterday.*

*But Jesus knew the answer,
And I knew He loved you so,
I gave to you, life's greatest gift,
the gift of letting go.*

Goglin Funeral Homes are honored to serve
the family and friends of LaVern Schaefer



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In Loving Memory



LaVern A. Schaefer

January 26, 1929 - May 20, 2022

PRAYER SERVICE

Thursday, May 26, 2022, 7:00 p.m.
Friedens Reformed Church, Tripp, South Dakota

FUNERAL SERVICE

Friday, May 27, 2022, 1:30 p.m.
Friedens Reformed Church, Tripp, South Dakota

CLERGY

Pastor Andrew Underhile

MUSIC

Shelly Finck – organist

Congregational Hymns

I'll Fly Away ~ What a Friend We Have in Jesus

Borning Cry ~ Just As I Am

Special Music

Jodi Fuerst - soloist

Amazing Grace ~ On Eagle's Wings

Recorded Recessional

Well Done by The Afters

PALLBEARERS

Brian Brandt, Marlin Nuss, Jarrod Nuss,
Dennis Schaefer, Brian Weisser & Paul Bloch

HONORARY PALLBEARERS

Nieces & Nephews

INTERMENT

With Military Honors by
Army Funeral Honors Team & Tripp American Legion
Friedens Reformed Church Cemetery
Tripp, South Dakota

LaVern Alvin Schaefer, age 93 passed away peacefully at home in Tripp, with his family at his bedside and went home to the Lord on Friday, May 20, 2022. He was born on January 26, 1929 at the family farm by Tripp, SD to Simon and Alvina (Giegle) Schaefer. LaVern was baptized at Emmaus Lutheran Church and confirmed at Friedens Reformed Church. He attended country school through the 8th grade at Gramm School. LaVern served in the Korean War from June 1951 until his honorable discharge in June 1953.



LaVern was united in marriage to Arlene Frey on September 6, 1953 at Friedens Reformed Church. They were blessed with 4 children. Lavern was a member of Friedens Reformed Church and served on the Consistory, Foundation Committee and later custodian at the church. LaVern worked at Koth Implement, Kotas Implement, Schaefer Service Station, his own business of Vern's Equipment and drove bus for the Tripp-Delmont School for 22 years. He was a Volunteer Fireman for 30 years and part of that time served as Fire Chief. LaVern was a member of the Jenkins-Harms American Legion Post 142 for 53 years.

Family was very important to LaVern. He enjoyed the gatherings with family for birthdays, holidays and any special times. He cherished spending time with his children, especially his grandson and great grandchildren. He loved to read - especially the Green Sheet Farm Forum! He also enjoyed hunting, fishing, going to Polka dances and listening to Polka music, watching the Antique Tractor Show or any other tractor show. He enjoyed playing cards or games with family and friends. You could find LaVern at auction sales whether there was something he was looking to buy or just looking! He always had advice for his family and was their best handyman.



Lavern will be remembered by his wife of 68 years, Arlene Schaefer, Tripp, SD; children: Lila Schaefer, Watertown, SD, Allen Schaefer, Rapid City, SD, Marilyn (Tim) Fischer, Rapid City, SD and Barbara Schaefer, Watertown, SD; grandson: Matt Fischer (Alia Cota) Northwood, ND; great grandchildren: Jordan Fischer, Nampa, ID, Kyle Fischer, Northwood, ND and Charlotte Cota, Northwood, ND and many nieces and nephews.

LaVern was preceded in death by his parents, Simon and Alvina Schaefer; father and mother-in-law, Paul and Louise Weisser; sister, Vesta Nuss; brothers, Norman (in infancy), Gilbert, Victor and Wilbur; sisters-in-law, Ione Schaefer, Velma Schaefer, Velda Mehlhaff, Shirley Block and Darlene Weisser; special person to the family, Hazel Niemcyk; brothers-in-law, Eugene Nuss, Ruben Mehlhaff, Frank Block and Harvey Weisser; nephews, Wayne Odegaard, Roger Mehlhaff, Paul Saenz and great nephew, Josh Odegaard.

Floral Tributes



South Park ICC



Nuss Nieces and Nephews



Chris, Scott, Katrina & Hans

Floral Tributes



Bill and Pam, Coy and family



Your Y Family



Dennis & Phyllis
Brenden & family
Tanielle & family
Kylee & family



The football boys

Floral Tributes



Tripp Delmont School



Carla & Iain and family
Bob & Lisa and family
Janice (Aila's family)



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