

In Loving Memory

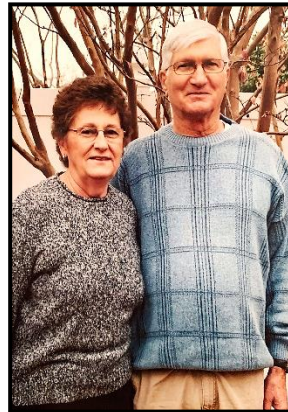


Nilus James Schaefer

July 11, 1945

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September 14, 2022



In Loving Memory
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1945 ~ 2022

Prayer Service
7:00 p.m.
Friday, September 16, 2022
Goglin Funeral Chapel
Scotland, South Dakota

Funeral
2:00 p.m.
Saturday, September 17, 2022
St. Paul's Lutheran Church
Scotland, South Dakota

Clergy
Pastor David Ellis

Music
Shana Smidt ~ organist

Congregational Hymns
Amazing Grace
What a Friend We have in Jesus
How Great Thou Art

Pallbearers
Brady Schaefer, Connor Chambers, Dalton Warden
Johnny Hento, Isabella Schaefer & Audrey Schaefer

Interment
St. George Catholic Cemetery
Scotland, South Dakota

Nilus was born Wednesday, July 11, 1945 to Rudolph and Linda (Hinzman) Schaefer at Avon, SD. He served 4 years in the Army National Guard. He attained a histology degree.

Nilus met his true love, Margene Ann Novak, who was attending Mount Marty College in Yankton. They were married December 27, 1966 and were blessed with three children, Todd, Tracy and David. The couple lived in Omaha, NE and Keokuk, IA, before returning to Scotland to raise their family.

Nilus was employed for 41 years at Kolberg-Pioneer in Yankton, SD. He also served three consecutive 1-year terms on the Scotland School Board.

Nilus enjoyed life to the fullest. He especially loved spending time with his beloved Margene. They traveled many places together, including bus tours and cruises, always bringing souvenirs back for their grandchildren. During the summer they enjoyed MN Twins games, fishing and camping with family and friends. Nilus loved following the MN Vikings, SDSU Jackrabbits and Kansas Jayhawks.

Nilus was proud of his family, especially the grandchildren. Most recently he could be seen proudly sharing photos of his great grandchild, Dominic. He was also an "adopted grandpa" to the many children Margene babysat over the years.

Nilus James Schaefer, age 77 of Scotland, SD passed away Wednesday, September 14, 2022 at McKennan Hospital in Sioux Falls, SD.

Although we will miss Nilus greatly, we take comfort in knowing that he and Margene are together again.

Nilus is survived by his children, Todd (Kayleen) Schaefer of Saginaw, TX, Tracy (Wes) Chambers of Yankton, SD and David (Lisa) Schaefer of Brookings, SD; grandchildren, Savannah (Dalton), Connor (Kate), Audrey, Emily, Lauren, Brayden, Isabella, Emma and Caitlyn (Matty); great-grandson, Dominic; sister, Shirley (Keith) Jurrens of Shelby, NE; brother, Larry Schaefer of New Smyrna Beach, FL and sisters-in-law Elois Schaefer of Minnesota and Agnes Winckler of Tyndall.

He is preceded in death by his parents; his wife, Margene; brothers, Raymond, Junior (Lila), Henry and Dwayne (both in infancy); sisters, Verna (Lavern) Berndt and Betty Strohfus.

Floral Tributes



Larry & Karen Stewart
Ashley & Tanner Swanson & family
Kyle & Paige Stewart & family



Eloise Schaefer
Cheryl Schaefer
Susan Gray



ASTEC (Kolberg-Pioneer)
Employees of Yankton



Joyce, Cari & family and
Jenny & family



Bob Berndt & family



Farm Credit Services of America



Keith & Shirley Jurrens
Keith & Dottie & families
Bryan & Lisa & families

Floral Tributes



Class of 1963



First Circuit Clerks & Deputies



Larry Schaefer
Dr. Adam Schaefer & family
Nathan Schaefer



East River Electric Employees



Donna Alberts



Jason, Connie, Tiffany



The Clerks Office
Jody, Judy, Holly,
Sue, Jessica & Kathy

