IN LOVING MEMORY OF

Merlyn Lyle Ebsen

WHO WAS BORN October 11, 1952 Milbank, South Dakota

AND CALLED TO HIS ETERNAL HOME June 18, 2022 Milbank, South Dakota

> MEMORIAL SERVICE Friday, June 24, 2022 - 4:00 p.m. Mundwiler Funeral Home Chapel Milbank, South Dakota

> > OFFICIANT Reverend Hugh Brewer

MUSICIANS Jacob Ebsen | Alexandra Ebsen

URN BEARERS Merlyn's Nephews: Paul Ebsen | Shane Hyronimus | Scott Ebsen Jeremy Ebsen | Jason Ebsen | Derek Jibbens Jonathan Ebsen | Jacob Ebsen | Caden Ebsen | Rick Reynolds

HONORARY BEARERS Merlyn's Grandchildren: Zoey Ebsen | Zack Ebsen | Willow Ebsen | Jameson Reynolds Cora Ebsen | Miles Fergen | Bentley Peterson | Morgan Reynolds

APPRECIATION

Merlyn's family thanks you for your presence today and for your many acts and words of kindness. Following the service, please join the family for a time of food and fellowship at the Milbank Community Center.

> ARRANGEMENTS BY Mundwiler Funeral Home - Milbank, South Dakota

When I come to the end of the day And the sun has set for me I want no rites in a gloom-filled room. Why cry for a *Soul set free?* Miss me a little, but not too long And not with your head bowed low. Remember the love we once shared-Miss me, but let me go. For this is a journey we all must take And each must go alone. It's all a part of the Maker's plan, A step on the road to HOME. When you are lonely and sick at heart Go to the friends we know, & bury your sorrows In doing good dééds-Chiss me, but let me go.

W erlyn Lyle Ebsen was born on October 11, 1952, in Milbank, SD, to Melvin and Adeline (Conraads) Ebsen. He grew up on the family farm north of Revillo, SD, and attended school and graduated from Grant Deuel High School with the Class of 1970.

Following graduation, Merlyn continued to farm with his dad and for himself. He farmed the land and had many dairy cattle. In the 1980's, Merlyn and his family started Triple E Enterprises which was a milk hauling company. They went to all the dairy farms to collect the milk and take it to the processing factories. Merlyn also did some carpentry for a short time.

Merlyn was active in St. John's Lutheran Church in Revillo along with many of his family members. He enjoyed watching car racing and rodeo activities. Merlyn was a great fisherman and an avid woodworker. In his younger years, he loved to sing and play his guitar. Merlyn had a soft heart for animals and an appreciation for animals of all kinds.

When Merlyn married Colleen Reynolds on March 31, 2001, their families combined, and he absolutely loved all the kids and grandkids. He adored each and every one of them.

Left to remember Merlyn are his wife, Colleen of Graceville, MN; sons: Ryan Ebsen of St. Paul Park, MN; Chad (Erin) Ebsen of Brookings, SD; and Cory (Betty) Ebsen of St. Paul Park, MN; daughter, Desiree Ebsen (Josh Fergen) of Duluth, MN; step-sons: Blaine (Raechel) Reynolds of Washington D.C.; and Colby (Melissa) Reynolds of Tea, SD; step-daughters: Kaila Ehrenberg of Revillo, SD; and Danielle Reynolds of Lennox, SD; 10 grandchildren: Alexis, Zoey, Remi, Zack, Willow, Cora, Miles, Jameson, Bentley, and Morgan; brothers: Loren (Marsha) Ebsen of Greeley, CO; Gary (Chris) Ebsen of Milbank, SD; and Byron (Joanne) Ebsen of Milbank, SD; sisters: Brenda Hyronimus of Worthing, SD; and Debra (Randy) Jibbens of Milbank, SD; brothers-in-law: Allan (Joyce) Reynolds of Graceville, MN; and Mark Reynolds of Graceville, MN; Godchildren: Jeremy Ebsen and Michael Knight; along with many nieces, nephews, and friends.

Preceding him in death are his mother, Adeline Ebsen; father, Melvin Ebsen; step-mother, Elaine Ebsen; parents-in-law, Jim and Mary Lou Reynolds; and sister-in-law, Jacqueline Reynolds.

