



# Gone Fishing

If someone should ask for me,  
tell 'em heaven is where I'll be.  
I've finished all my life's chores,  
and now I fish on heaven's shores.

The view is grand and the fishing's great,  
but I yearn for you as I wait.  
I'll save a spot on the river's bend,  
for all those, I call family and friend.

But for now, head out to sea  
and make a cast in memory,  
to all the good times that you had,  
with me- your friend, your grandpa...your dad.

And if the fish no longer bite  
or seem no longer worth the fight,  
because it's me that you are missin',  
don't worry – be glad – I've only gone fishin'

- David Ritter

IN LOVING MEMORY OF

# Galen Lee Cardwell

## WHO WAS BORN

December 21, 1938  
Peever, South Dakota

## AND CALLED TO HIS ETERNAL HOME

April 11, 2024  
Summit, South Dakota

## FUNERAL SERVICE

Saturday, April 20, 2024 - 10:30 a.m.  
Hope Lutheran Church  
Summit, South Dakota

## OFFICIANT

Pastor Janet Miller

## MUSICIANS

Val Moen, Organist  
Greg Miller, Vocalist & Guitarist

## CASKET BEARERS

Jason Cardwell | Noah Lauritsen | Brady Hyatt | Gavin Harper  
Harlow Niles | Neil Anderson | Bill Thrun | Connie Brotzel

## INTERMENT

Wilmot Cemetery  
Wilmot, South Dakota

## APPRECIATION

Galen's family is grateful for your attendance at this service.

Your expressions of kindness and love are deeply appreciated. Following the service, please join the family for lunch and fellowship in the church dining area.

## ARRANGEMENTS BY

Mundwiler Funeral Home - Milbank, South Dakota



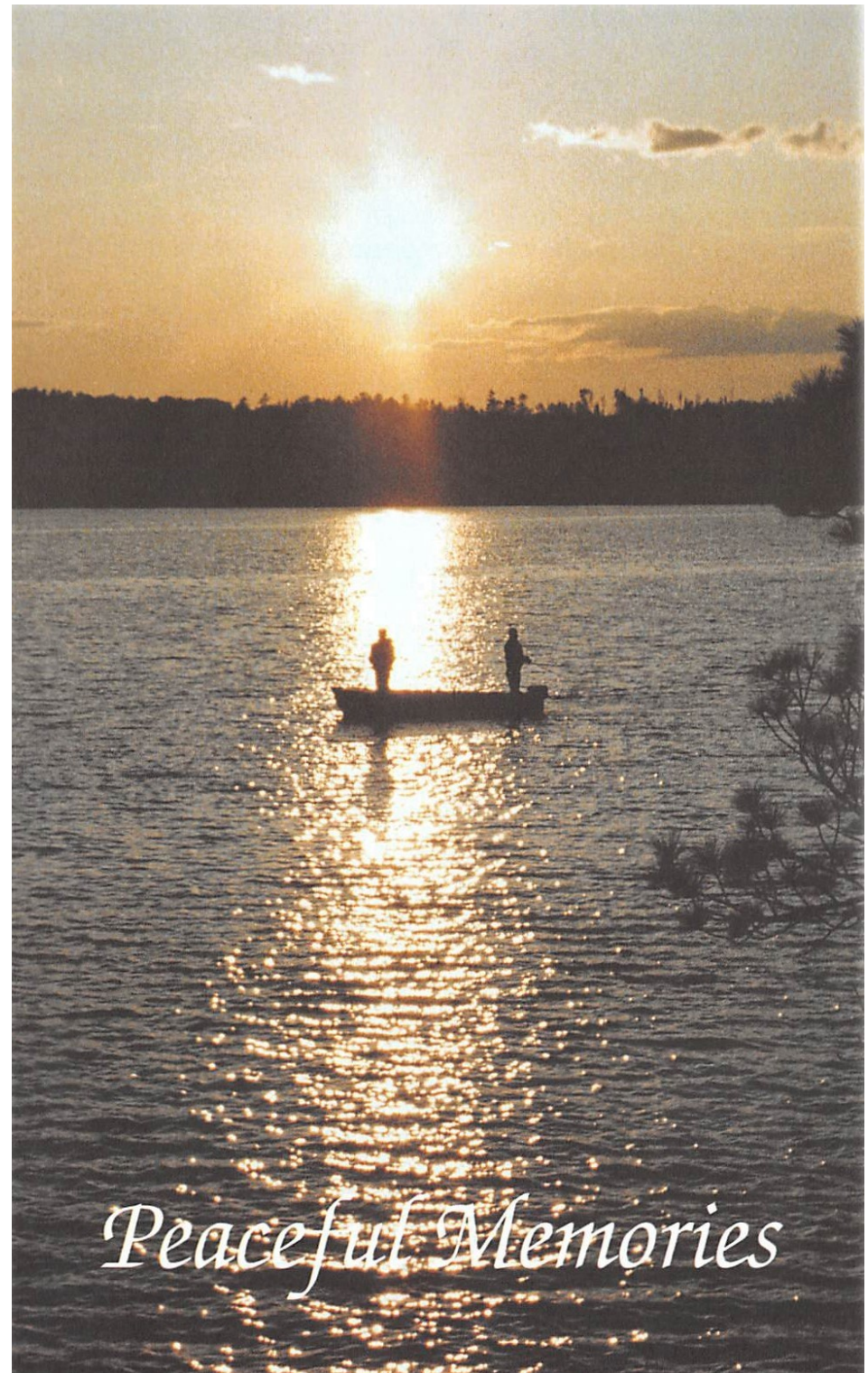
**G**alen Lee Cardwell was born on December 21, 1938, near Peever, SD, to Avert Charles and Ellen Minnie (Fitz) Cardwell. The family lived in various places in Roberts County and he attended country school through the eighth grade. After his education, he worked on the family farm and also sheered sheep for various farmers. In the 60s, Galen started driving truck and continued that for over 20 years.

Galen was united in marriage with Susan Carlson on June 15, 1968, in Summit, SD. The couple were blessed with three children: Mary, David, and Steven. They later divorced and Galen continued to raise their children. Though there were many challenging years, Galen never asked for help and worked hard to provide for his children.

In 1983, he worked as a loader operator for Concrete Materials, which was later acquired by LG Everest, Inc. He worked there until 2004. After his retirement, he still had the desire to work. He worked at Hilltop Manure Spreading until he decided he was ready to enjoy his retirement.

Galen was a man of few words. He was never the first to start a conversation, but always appreciated when people would stop to talk with him. You could often find him sitting at the Coffee Cup, watching the trucks and cars pass by. He loved keeping watch on the people in and around Summit. His favorite pastime was fishing - both alone and with his kids and grandkids. He also enjoyed planting flowers in the spring, reading western novels, and fixing all kinds of things. His family was incredibly important to him and he treasured moments spent with them.

Galen will be forever loved and deeply missed by his children: Mary Lauritsen of Florence, SD; and David (Penny) Cardwell of Summit, SD; his six grandchildren: Chelsea (Orion) Bailey of Elgin, OK; Jason Cardwell of Summit, SD; Taylor (Brady) Hyatt of Florence, SD; Kiara (Gavin) Harper of Summit, SD; Erin Lauritsen of Florence, SD; and Noah (Mallory Bisgard) Lauritsen of Watertown, SD; six great-grandchildren: Easton, Makenna, Riggs, Bailee, Lakelyn, and Ronan, and many cousins, nieces, and nephews. He is preceded in death by his parents, his son, Steven Cardwell, his grandchildren: baby Lauritsen and Joseph Lauritsen, siblings: Florence Lowery, Gene Cardwell, and Gerald Cardwell.



*Peaceful Memories*