

Tomorrow

When *tomorrow* starts without me,
And I'm not there to *see*.
If the sun should *rise* and find your eyes
All filled with *tears* for me.

I wish so much you wouldn't *cry*
The way you did *today*.
While *thinking* of the many things,
We didn't get to *say*.

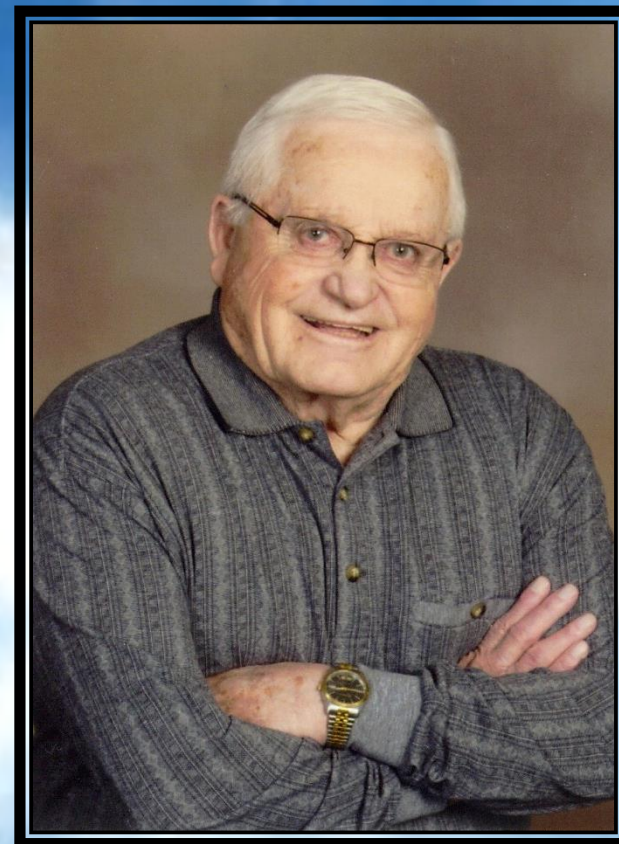
I know how much you *love* me,
As *much* as I love you,
And each time that you *think* of me,
I know you'll *miss* me too.

But when *tomorrow* starts without me,
Please try to *understand*.
That an *angel* came and called my name,
And took me by the *hand*.

My *place* was ready,
In *heaven* far above,
And that I'd have to *leave* behind
All those I *dearly* love.



In Loving Memory



Allen Vacknitz

February 15, 1935

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November 14, 2023

Goglin Funeral Homes are honored to serve
the family and friends of Al Vacknitz.

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In Loving Memory
Allen Harmon Vacknitz
1935 ~ 2023

Visitation
5 p.m. to 7 p.m.
Thursday, November 16, 2023
St. Leo Catholic Church
Tyndall, South Dakota

Funeral Mass
3 p.m.
Friday, November 17, 2023
St. Leo Catholic Church
Tyndall, South Dakota

Celebrant
Fr. Darin Schmidt

Music
Kathy Koenig ~ organist
Here I Am Lord
The Summons
Be Not Afraid
On Eagle's Wings

Pallbearers
Paul Van Gerpen, Hilary Hilzendeger,
Michael Wright, Liz Bayreuther,
Rebecca Wright, Mandy Husby,
Sarah Solma, Jeff Bertus,
Joe Bertus & Jill Tolsma

Interment
St. Leo Catholic Cemetery
Tyndall, South Dakota

Allen Harmon Vacknitz was born at home on February 15, 1935, to Emil and Rose (Schmoll) Vacknitz. He graduated in 1953 from Tyndall High School. Al went into the National Guard in 1957. He married the love of his life, Evelyn Schneider on December 27, 1961, at St. Leo Catholic Church in Tyndall. They made their home 3 miles west of Tyndall and had 4 daughters. Al farmed until 1984. The following year, Al started working as a correctional officer at the prison in Springfield, a position he held for 10 ½ years.

Al loved to fish and hunt pheasants. He and Ev tried to fish as often as possible and Al always loved to go fishing with his friends and sons-in-law. Al played amateur baseball as a 2nd baseman for the Tyndall Arrows. He was a devoted fan of the Minnesota Vikings and the Twins. Al followed the Tyndall Panthers, the Bon Homme Cavaliers and the Avon Pirates. Al enjoyed watching his daughters and grandchildren play ball and he tried to attend as many sporting events as he possibly could.

Al was a member of the Knights of Columbus. He and Ev moved to the Avon Manor in 2012. Al moved into the Tyndall Good Samaritan Home in February of 2020, just one month prior to COVID-19.

Al died Tuesday, November 14, 2023 at Good Samaritan Society in Tyndall at the age of 88.

Survivors are his daughters, Connie and (Rodney) Van Gerpen of Avon, Kay and (Glenn) Wright of Sioux Falls, LuAnn and (Gary) Wright of Sioux Falls, Rachel and (Loren) Bertus of Avon; 10 grandchildren, Paul Van Gerpen and (Dena Akridge), Hilary and (Cody) Hilzendeger, Michael and (Brittany) Wright, Elizabeth and (Zach) Bayreuther, Rebecca Wright, Mandy and (Kevin) Husby, Sarah and (Jason) Solma, Jeff Bertus, Joe and (Nikki) Bertus, Jill and (Devin) Tolsma; 10 great-grandchildren, Chandler, Mira, Harrison, Graham, Baker, Maverick, Adam, Emma, Harper and Madison.

Al was preceded in death by his parents; his wife, Evelyn in 2013; his sister, Ruby Goehring and his brother, Don (Corky) Vacknitz.