



IN LOVING MEMORY OF  
**Ralph W. Stensland**

BORN

January 12, 1930  
Aberdeen, South Dakota

CALLED TO HIS ETERNAL HOME

June 25, 2023  
Redfield, South Dakota

FUNERAL SERVICE

Thursday, June 29, 2023 - 2:00 p.m.  
Emanuel Lutheran Church  
Milbank, South Dakota

OFFICIANT

Pastor Chris Davis

MUSICIAN

Sheila Dailie, Organist

CASKET BEARERS

Rod Grismer | Greg Jasmer | Ben Jasmer  
Zachary Moore | Debra Grismer | Jerry Jasmer

HONORARY BEARERS

All Friends

INURNMENT

Wednesday, July 5, 2023 - 9:00 a.m.  
Black Hills National Cemetery  
Sturgis, South Dakota

APPRECIATION

Ralph'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 room.

ARRANGEMENTS BY

Mundwiler Funeral Home - Milbank, South Dakota

For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither  
angels nor demons, neither the present nor the  
future, nor any powers, neither height nor depth, nor  
anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us  
from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Romans 8:38-39



Ralph William Stensland was born on January 12, 1930, in Aberdeen, SD. He was the son of Edwin and Valborg (Pfeutzenreuter) Stensland. He grew up on the family farm near Helca, SD. He graduated from Hecla High School with the Class of 1948. On November 3, 1950, he enlisted with the U.S. Marine Corps. He served with the 1<sup>st</sup> Marine Division, Sergeant Infantry during the Korean War. After his honorable discharge on May 1, 1952, he enrolled at South Dakota State University and earned a B.S. Degree in Agronomy. He later earned a master's degree in public administration from Northern Colorado University.

On October 6, 1961, he was united in marriage with Jeanette Jasmer in Leola, SD. Together, they were blessed with 62 years of marriage and two children.

Ralph had a long career with USDA Soil Conservation Service and worked in Leola, SD; Gettysburg, SD; Clark, SD; Ipswich, SD; Gregory, SD; Watertown, SD; Huron, SD; and Philadelphia, PA. He also served as an agronomy consultant and watershed planner with the Peace Corp in the Federation of Malaysia and with the US Embassy in Mexico City, Mexico. Upon his retirement in 1990, he moved to Milbank, SD, and worked with Grant County FSA on watershed planning.

Ralph was a faithful member of Lutheran Missouri Synod. He was also a member of Lutheran Laymen's League for over 30 years, National Association of Federal Employees, American Legion Birch-Miller Post #9, DAV, Marine Corps League, and Korea Brotherhood of Survivors of How Company, 3<sup>rd</sup> Battalion, 7<sup>th</sup> Regiment, 1<sup>st</sup> Marine Division. In his free time, he enjoyed reading, hunting, fishing, and traveling.

Ralph is survived by his wife, Jeanette of Hot Springs, SD; daughter, Suzanne (Kevin) Moore of Redfield, SD; son, David (Mel) Stensland of Kittery Point, ME; grandsons: Zachary (Marissa) and Zebulun (Shannon) Moore of Brewster, WA; and sister-in-law, Lila Davies of Rapid City, SD.

He was preceded in death by his parents: Edwin and Valborg Stensland; brother, Ramon Stensland; and two grandsons: Joshua and Joseph.

## *In Loving Memory*



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