



My *Dad*,

My friend and guiding light,
A gift from God and in His sight.
You taught me by examples set,
With wisdom which
Was heaven sent.

Never judging, always fair,
Ever present, always there.
This sturdy rock and gentle soul,
A kinder man I'll never know.

Throughout the past and years we had,
I was so proud to call you *"Dad."*
In bursting pride you never knew,
Just how much love I had for you.

While God has willed that we must part,
We'll stay connected, heart to heart.
For He has smiled and said,

"My son, welcome home, a job well done."

IN LOVING MEMORY OF

Stephen Lee Nielsen

WHO WAS BORN
November 30, 1939
Graceville, Minnesota

AND CALLED TO HIS ETERNAL HOME
August 21, 2024
Wilmot, South Dakota

FUNERAL SERVICE
Monday, August 26, 2024 - 11:00 a.m.
Wilmot Lutheran Church
Wilmot, South Dakota

OFFICIANT
Rev. Kay Reeb

MUSICIANS
Cora Jones, Organist
Rachel Buemer and Kevin Jurgens, Vocalists

HONORARY BEARERS
Wilmot High School Class of 1957

CASKET BEARERS
Joel Farrington | Brian Peery | Brandon Peery
Ray DeGreef | Brian Schnaser | Keith Haubris

MILITARY HONORS
American Legion, Drake-Sorbel Post # 64

INTERMENT
Wilmot Cemetery
Wilmot, South Dakota

APPRECIATION

Stephen's family is grateful for your attendance at this service. Your expressions of kindness and love are deeply appreciated. Following the graveside service, please join the family at the Wilmot Community Center for a time of fellowship and food.

Mundwiler Funeral Home - Milbank, South Dakota

Stephen Lee Nielsen was born on November 30, 1939, in Graceville, MN. He was the oldest son of Loren and Edith (Darrington) Nielsen. Steve was raised in Wilmot where he was baptized and later confirmed in the Wilmot Lutheran Church. He attended and graduated from Wilmot High School with the Class of '57. He furthered his education by completing the mechanics/diesel program in Wahpeton, ND.

After completing school, he went to work for Christianson, Inc. He was told he was being drafted, so he enlisted in the Navy. He spent the next three years serving his country working on plane engines. He returned to Christianson's where he worked until the day he locked the doors behind him when he retired. Upon returning to Wilmot, he met Barbara and knew he found the love of his life. They were married on July 17, 1966. The couple made Wilmot their home and were blessed with two daughters.

Along with being a loving husband and father, Steve was very active in the community. Some of the positions he held were Fire Chief, Legion Commander and Legion Treasurer. He believed that children are the future and we should help them any way we can. Faith played a big part of Steve's life. He was an active member of Wilmot Lutheran Church where he was Church Council President, Sunday School Teacher, and loved to sing.

Through the years, Steve enjoyed traveling, camping, restoring IH tractors, and reading. Some of his favorite memories were of the times he spent with family and friends.

Steve was called home to the arms of our loving Savior at age 84. He was preceded in death by his wife, Barbara; daughter, Tami (Nielsen) Vollrath; son-in-law, Jake Eggert; parents: Loren and Edith Nielsen; brother, Lance Nielsen; sister, Dorothy (Nielsen) Keith; father-in-law and mother-in-law: MG & Ella Farrington; and brother-in-law, Rick Farrington. Left to cherish his memory are his daughter, Stacey (Nielsen) Eggert; son-in-law, Brian Vollrath; brother, James (Viv) Nielsen; brother, Russell Nielsen; sister, Rosie (Dale) Peery; sister-in-law, Barb Nielsen; sister-in-law, Linda Farrington; sister-in-law, Pat Farrington; and numerous nieces and nephews.



*In Honored
Memory*