



IN LOVING MEMORY OF

Orville Hjalmer Vreim



WHO WAS BORN

January 17, 1934
Wilmot, South Dakota

AND CALLED TO HIS ETERNAL HOME

November 3, 2025
Milbank, South Dakota

FUNERAL SERVICE

Friday, November 14, 2025 - 11:00 a.m.
Wilmot Lutheran Church
Wilmot, South Dakota

OFFICIANT

Rev. Kay Reeb

CASKET BEARERS

Kevin Saxton | Steve Minder | Darren Strasser
Allen Slaathaug | Donald Behrns | Doug Barlund

HONORARY BEARERS

Wayne Sandbakken | Marlowe Vreim | Gene Frerichs
Rod Johnson | Gordon Osterloh | Dalton DeGreef

MUSICIANS

Cora Jones, Accompanist
Troy Moon, Vocalist and Guitarist
Coley Rose Moon, Vocalist

INTERMENT

Wilmot Lutheran Cemetery
Wilmot, South Dakota

MILITARY HONORS

American Legion Drake-Sorbel Post #64

APPRECIATION

Your expressions of kindness and love are deeply appreciated.
Following the interment, please join the family for a time of
fellowship and a light luncheon in the church dining room.

Mundwiler Funeral Home - Milbank, South Dakota

Don't grieve for me, for now I'm free
I'm following the path God laid for me.
I took His hand when I heard Him call
I turned my back and left it all
I could not stay another day
To laugh, to love, to work or play
Tasks left undone must stay that way
I found that peace at the close of the day
If my parting has left a void
Then fill it with remembered *Joy*
A friendship shared,
a laugh, a kiss Ah, yes, these things I too will miss
Be not burdened with times of sorrow
I wish for you the sunshine of tomorrow
My life has been full, I've savored much
Good friends, good times, *a loved one's touch*
Perhaps my time seemed all too brief
Don't lengthen it now with undue grief
Lift up your heart and share with me
God wanted me now, He set me **FREE!**

A life rooted in faith, family, and the farm...

Orville Vreim was born into a proud, Norwegian farming heritage that began when his grandpa, Ole, and his great-uncle, Gunder, journeyed from Norway to Wilmot at just 17 and 19-years-old. They built a legacy that took root in 1879 with the establishment of the Vreim Family Farm, a place that would remain home to generations for over a century. Growing up in Wilmot, Orville found joy in the land and community that shaped him. He graduated from Wilmot High School in the spring of 1952. He played catcher on the Wilmot baseball team, a testament to his hard-working spirit and love for friendly competition.

In 1956, Orville enlisted in the US Army, receiving an honorable discharge two years later. He was living in Nevada and working for a government contractor when his father, Melvin, fell ill and asked him to take over the family farm. Orville never hesitated - and never had a single regret.

On September 1, 1967, he married the love of his life, Janice (Pauli) Vreim, and together they built a life grounded in faith, hard work, and love for more than 57 years. They shared a deep bond raising their children and later welcoming many grandchildren and great-grandchildren who adored him and loved him dearly. He loved when his girls helped on the farm and found great joy in the laughter and chaos the family brought.

His life was filled with simple pleasures. He cherished hunting and fishing with friends, tending to the farm, and cultivating some of the best sweet corn in the county. He was a true animal lover, caring for pigs, cattle, horses, chickens, guinea hens, and even his buffalo named Custer. His stubborn Texas longhorn bull and countless barn cats kept life on the farm interesting but none were closer to his heart than his loyal hunting dogs, Wood 1, 2, and 3.

Whether sitting in the elevator to chat with his farmer buddies, playing cards, or sipping coffee at the café during his early morning talks, he was happiest in the company of good friends, often with a container of Skoal in his pocket and occasionally a shot of blackberry brandy.

Orville never forgot his friends, often speaking fondly of those who had gone before him. He was a man of few words. His quiet strength, humor, and kindness spoke volumes, and he was loved and respected by all who knew him. He was a true cowboy who lived life with gratitude, humility, and a deep appreciation for the simple things. He never asked for more than he needed, and he left behind a legacy of love, hard work, and family that will live on for generations to come. He will be missed dearly, but his stories, lessons, and laughter will forever echo across the land he loved so much.



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