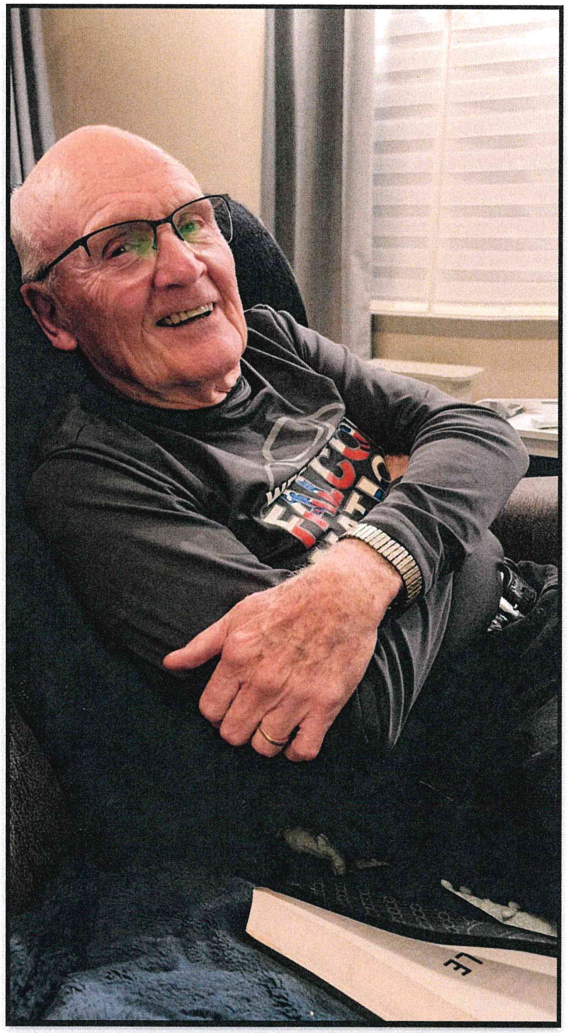
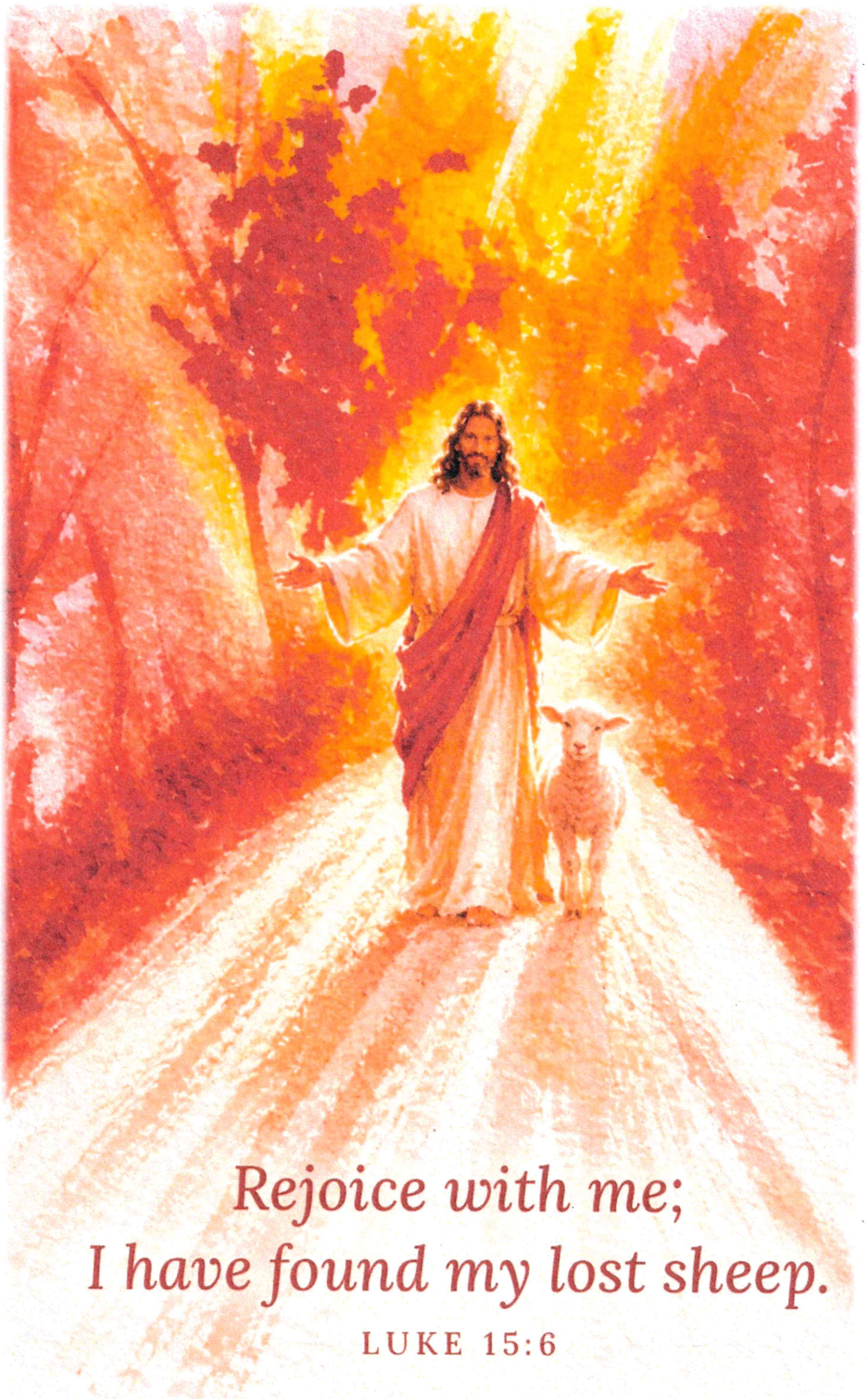


The Worker's Prayer

By Mike Stevens

Lord, I thank you for this job and the blessings it provides.
May you watch over me this day and keep me safe from harm.
Create in me a willing spirit and happy heart.
Grant me the ambition to work hard
and give me the strength to finish what I have started.
May my hands always be prepared to help lighten another's load.
And finally, Lord, remind me that the quality of my work
is a reflection of you to those around me. Amen

PORTER FUNERAL HOMES



Bruce Raymond Waterman, 82, of Hawarden, Iowa, passed away peacefully from acute kidney injury at Hawarden Regional Healthcare on October 22, 2026, with his wife, Barb, at his side.

Bruce was born the third of eight boys on November 30, 1943, at the family home in Hawarden to Wayne Sylvester and Daisy Irene (Strong) Waterman. He graduated from West Sioux High School and earned all-state honors as a halfback on the undefeated 1962 West Sioux Falcons football team. He was inducted into the West Sioux Hall of Fame in 2002.

Bruce married his high school sweetheart, Barbara Bergdale, on June 1, 1963. They shared 63 years of marriage and raised two children, Dan and Lisa. With friends Jerry and Judy Klemme, they built homes, restored a historic house, owned and operated B.J.'s Cafe. The four also shared winters in Fountain Hills, Arizona, Sunday nights at Pizza Ranch, and countless memories.

Bruce shared a special bond with his mother-in-law, Lois Bergdale. Throughout her 30 years as a widow, he helped maintain her home, allowing her to remain there longer—a gift she often acknowledged. Living two blocks apart, Bruce and Barb included Lois in their travels, winters in Arizona, and family celebrations. His devoted care was deeply appreciated by the family.

Bruce lived his entire life in Hawarden, a community he and Barb dearly loved. Whenever something was happening in town, they showed up—to lend support, visit with neighbors, and be part of their community.

Through Bruce's Plumbing, Heating & Electric Service, he served his community for over 40 years. Previously, he worked at LG Everest, West Sioux Schools, Otis Radio, and Dale Appliance. He loved attending and volunteering at church and TEC, family and school reunions, listening to KNWC, fixing bikes for kids, and making food pantry deliveries. He also had a special bond with Covie, the Shih-poo he and Barb welcomed during the pandemic, who knew Bruce as Papa.

Bruce enjoyed trips to Rapid City for family birthdays and events, visiting friends and neighbors, helping his son in his business, tinkering in his shop, and mowing with his riding lawn mower. Above all, he treasured his personal relationship with Jesus.

Bruce found joy in talking with people and made everyone feel acknowledged and valued. Everyone mattered to him. "God bless you, kiddo" was a familiar expression of his love and faith. Whether visiting a friend or meeting a stranger, he sought to be the hands and feet of Jesus.

Bruce is survived by his wife, Barbara; children, Daniel (Dawn) Waterman of Hawarden and Lisa (Rick) DenHerder of Rapid City, SD; granddaughter, Kayla (David) Schmalz of Rapid City; step-great-grandson, Lane Sohl of Hawarden; great-grandchildren, Capri, Leo, Willow, and Julian Schmalz; brother, Terry (Cindy) Waterman of Hawarden; sister-in-law, Donna Waterman of Richmond, SD, wife of his late brother Dennis; brothers-in-law and sisters-in-law, Larry (Linda) Bergdale of Cedar Rapids, IA and Lindsay (Linda) Bergdale of Fountain Hills, AZ; and many beloved nephews, nieces, and other relatives.

He was preceded in death by his parents; brothers, Richard, Dennis, Larry, David, Rodney, and Darvin; parents-in-law, Russell and Lois Bergdale; niece, Abria Lynd Bergdale; and nephew, Scott Russell Bergdale.

In Loving Memory Of

Bruce Raymond Waterman

November 30, 1943 ~ October 22, 2026

CELEBRATION OF LIFE

5:00 p.m. Sunday, October 25, 2026

Centerpoint Church, Hawarden, Iowa

WORSHIP BAND

"I Speak Jesus"

"Abide"

"Center"

"Nothing Else"

MEMORIAL SERVICE

11:00 a.m. Monday, October 26, 2026

Centerpoint Church, Hawarden, Iowa

OFFICIANT

Pastor Cy McMahon

CASKET BEARERS

Micah Bergdale ~ Bennett Friedman

Lane Sohl ~ Kyle Waterman

Andrew Waterman ~ Alex Waterman

PRIVATE FAMILY INTERMENT

Grace Hill Cemetery

Hawarden, Iowa

Please join Bruce's family for lunch and fellowship
at the Old City Hall Event Center, 731 Central Avenue
in Hawarden following the Memorial Service.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions will support the local chapter of Youth for Christ, which Bruce helped establish, and the West Sioux football program.