



### *Final Harvest*

*He was bound to the land from the day of his birth  
His roots anchored deep in the fertile earth  
Nurtured, sustained, by the soil he grew  
And his life, like his furrows, ran straight and true.*

*In faith, each spring, he planted the seeds  
In hope, to reap his family's needs  
With patience, he waited for the harvest to come  
To gather the fruits of his labor home.*

*Ever turning seasons, the years sped past  
Til the final harvest came at last  
Then claimed anew by beloved sod  
He was gathered home to be with God.  
—Barbara W. Weber*

IN LOVING MEMORY OF

## *Doug Mielitz*

WHO WAS BORN

December 5, 1958

Ortonville, Minnesota

AND CALLED TO HIS ETERNAL HOME

January 9, 2025

Watertown, South Dakota

FUNERAL SERVICE

Thursday, January 16, 2025 - 11:00 a.m.

First United Methodist Church

Watertown, South Dakota

OFFICIANT

Reverend Sara McManus

ORGANIST

Blair Titze

HONORARY BEARERS

Doug's Nieces and Nephews

Roadhouse Coffee Crew

INURNMENT

Mound Cemetery

Ortonville, Minnesota

APPRECIATION

Doug'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 fellowship and a luncheon in the church dining room. Inurnment will follow at Mound Cemetery.

*Mundwiler Funeral Home - Milbank, South Dakota*

**D**ouglas Donald Mielitz was born on December 5, 1958, in Ortonville, MN. He was the son of Donald and Marilyn (Milbrandt) Mielitz. Doug's brothers loved to tease that he was actually found under the lettuce leaves in the garden. Doug grew up on the family farm in the Rosen, MN, area. He graduated from Bellingham High School with the Class of 1977. He was united in marriage with Katherine Grimm on July 10, 2015, in Watertown, SD.

Doug was a true farmer at heart, growing up in a farming family. He began farming with his father and later farmed with his brothers. He was always eager to skip school to help out on the farm. When he wasn't active on the farm, Doug was an over-the-road truck driver, mainly hauling cattle. He loved old tractors and was very active with the Twin Brooks Threshing Show. He served as president of the event for many years. He especially enjoyed the tractor pulls and restoring antique tractors. He also did custom silage cutting with his brothers.

Life was never boring for Doug and those around him. Every day was an adventure full of laughs and malarkey. He had an infectious sense of humor, usually finding himself to be the funniest. He loved his family and enjoyed a very joyous and close relationship with his siblings. He was always a gentleman when it came to his wife, Kathy. He opened doors for her and put her first. He had a loving and caring heart. He was a faithful member of First United Methodist Church and prayed daily. His brothers chuckle that Doug had more lives than a cat! He had a heavy foot when he drove and was in several accidents. He usually came out okay and had a good story to tell.

He and Kathy enjoyed a trip to Alaska in 2023, which was Doug's first time flying. He enjoyed every minute of the flight! He enjoyed visiting with his coffee buddies, sometimes twice a day. He had a soft spot in his heart for pets and loved having a cat or two in the house. He also was an avid hunter.

Left to cherish his memory are his wife, Kathy of Watertown, SD; siblings: Richard "Dick" (Tammy) Mielitz of Big Stone City, SD; Jonathan "Jay" (Myra) Mielitz of Big Stone City, SD; Cynthia "Cindy" (Tim) Henrich of Rosen, MN; father-in-law and mother-in-law: Gerald and Lois Grimm of Milbank, SD; brothers-in-law: Lonnie Grimm of Aberdeen, SD; Greg Grimm of Milbank, SD; sister-in-law, Ginger (Keith) Kaas of Wentworth, SD; uncles: Rudy (Jo) Milbrandt of San Benito, TX; and Ronnie Pinkert of Big Stone City, SD; as well as nieces, nephews, cousins, and many great-nieces and great-nephews.

Doug was preceded in death by his parents.

Please use this QR code to access Doug's  
online guestbook & tribute video.



When you plant seeds  
in the lives of others  
And water them with  
*Love and Care*  
You will reap a harvest  
of sweet memories  
That will follow you  
*everywhere*