

Willis Karl Vander Wal, faithful servant of Jesus Christ, well known area farmer and rancher, passed away unexpectedly at his home on July 23, 2021. Willis was born May 12, 1935, and attended rural school through the eighth grade, he took some high school courses by correspondence, then attended Northwestern College in Orange City, IA. In Nov. 1961 the farm called him back home and that's where he lived the rest of his life. On August 13th 1958, he married Jane Pool at the Hope Reformed Church in Westfield, ND, to this union 9 children were born.

His friendly disposition led him to be involved in community events and various boards which included Northwestern College Board Trustee, local and state Farm Bureau, Nodak Mutual Insurance Company, Kem Electric Board of Directors, Gideons International, wrote letters to prisoners through Crossroads Prison Ministries, church involvement as elder at Hope Reformed Church where he was a lifetime member, Sunday School Supt, teacher, consistory, youth group leader, and sang for many occasions. He loved to sing during his younger years and often said people called on him for special music, "When someone got married or buried." He also sang in the 'Westfield Quartet' and area cantatas which he thoroughly enjoyed.

His love for the Lord led him to start a weekly radio program on KOLY radio station in Mobridge, SD "Time Out for Jesus" which he did for a number of years. He was a farmer at heart which kept him close to the land. In the later years, during the winter he liked traveling to warmer areas, but always anxious to get home when it was time to get in the field. He recorded some songs in Nashville, TN that he shared with everyone. He enjoyed a trip to Holland where he saw the birthplace of his father. Went to Hawaii several times, Puerto Rico, Dominion Republic, and Mexico where he again met exchange students and family. His dream was to go to Israel and see the Holy Land, but that never happened.

He loved burning wood in the fireplace, and a cup of coffee where he could strike up a conversation with anybody who had a listening ear.

Willis is survived by his wife Jane of 62 years; 8 children, Dean (Marcia), Raymore, MO, Carter (Merlynn), rural Pollock, Cody (Janel), rural Pollock, Austin (Sheila), Washburn, ND, Tyler (Jamie), New Salem, ND, Jewel Mosset, Strasburg, ND, Parker (Sarah), Argusville, ND, Crystal Rohrich, Strasburg, ND, 28 grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren, numerous nieces and nephews, cousins, friends, and the many hosted foreign exchange students from various countries around the world.

He was preceded in death by his son Daniel on July 4, 2018, parents Albert & Elzina (Winterberg) Vander Wal, in-laws Dick & Annetta (Hofer) Pool, and 8 siblings and their spouses, Gertrude & (John) Vander Laan, Ella & (Vernon) Manuel, Peter & (Ethel) Vander Wal, Florence & (Lester) Van Beek, Alberta & (Gilbert) Van Beek, infant brother, A. Vander Wal (1924), Esther & (Floyd) Van Beek, Caroline & (George) Kroh, Caroline preceded Willis in death by

one day. Willis still had plans for the "One more day Lord, please have so many things I want be. He had a full, happy life Lord and Saviour.



future which as the song says, give me one more day, I still to do", but it wasn't meant to and was ready to meet HIS

In Loving Memory of:



Willis K. Vander Wal

May 12, 1935 ~ July 23, 2021

What will You do with Jesus?

*Jesus is standing in Pilate's hall-
Friendless, forsaken, betrayed by all:
Hearken! What meaneth the sudden call!*

What will you do with Jesus?

*Will you evade Him as Pilate tried?
Or will you choose Him ,what-e'er betide?
Vainly you struggle from Him to hide:*

What will you do with Jesus?

*Will you like Peter, your Lord deny?
Or will you scorn from His foes to fly,
Daring for Jesus to live or die?*

What will you do with Jesus?

*Jesus, I give Thee my heart today!
Jesus, I'll follow thee all the way,
Gladly obeying Thee! will you say:*

This will I do with Jesus!"



IN LOVING MEMORY OF:

Willis K. Vander Wal

86 Years ~ 2 Months ~ 11 Days

BORN:

*May 12, 1935
Rural Emmons County,
North Dakota*

PASSED AWAY:

*July 23, 2021
Rural Emmons County,
North Dakota*

FUNERAL SERVICES:

*10:30AM, Friday, July 30, 2021
Hope Reformed Church
Westfield, North Dakota*

CLERGY:

Rev. Floyd Hann

PIANIST:

Curt Melland

VIOLINIST:

Jewel Mosset ~ "It Is Well With My Soul"

SPECIAL MUSIC:

*Grandchildren ~ "We Have This Monument"
Casketbearers: ~ "The King Is Coming"*

CONGREGATIONAL HYMNS:

"Rock of Ages" ~ "When We All Get To Heaven"

USHERS:

Rick Van Beek ~ Derry Pool

CASKETBEARERS:

*Dean Vander Wal ~ Carter Vander Wal ~ Cody Vander Wal
Austin Vander Wal ~ Tyler Vander Wal ~ Parker Vander Wal*

HONORARY CASKETBEARERS:

Gideons International

INTERMENT:

*Dale Cemetery
Rural Pollock*

Arrangements Entrusted to Kesling Funeral Home, Mobridge, South Dakota

When I Am Gone

*When I am gone release me
Let me go, I have so many things to see and do
You mustn't tie yourself to me with tears
Be happy that we had so many beautiful years
I gave to you my love
You can only guess how much you gave me in happiness
I thank you for the love you each have shown
But now it's time I travel alone
So grieve awhile for me, if grieve you must
Then let your grief be comforted by my trust
It's only for awhile that we must part
So bless the memories within your heart
I won't be far away, for life goes on
So if you need me, call and I will come
Though you can't see or touch me, I'll be near
And if you listen within your heart you'll hear
All my love around you soft and clear
And then when you must come this way alone
I'll greet you with a smile and say
Welcome Home."*