

**M**arv was born on May 19, 1939, to Hank and Tena (VanDerVliet) Burgers. He attended Hillside Country School in Colton through the eighth grade.

Marv was united in marriage to Rosie Lee Salomonson, and they shared 43 years together.

In 1958, Marv entered the United States Army and proudly served his country. Following his service, he returned home and farmed alongside his father. He later worked at Howie's Texaco in Colton for three years before returning to farming until 1972.

After his years in farming, Marv transitioned into the trucking industry. He owned a half interest in Johnson & Burgers Trucking, and in 1975, after purchasing the remaining share, the business became Marvin Burgers Trucking. He spent many years on the road, building a reputation for hard work and dedication, and continued trucking until his retirement at the age of 81 in 2020.

He will be remembered for his sense of humor and for the simple things he loved - circus peanuts, ice cream, chocolate (which appears to be genetic) and sardines.

He is survived by his children: RoseMary (Robbie) Willard of Renner, SD; Robin (Ken) Kleba of Hartford, SD; Ruth Burgers of Carthage, SD; Roger (Jodi) Burgers of Colton, SD; and Roxane (Jay) Aeilts of Tea, SD; along with his 9 grandchildren, 14 great-grandchildren, and his sister, Marlene (Jim) Knox of Salem, SD.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Hank and Tena (VanDerVliet) Burgers; his sisters, Ruth and Shirley.

# *In Memory Of* **Marvin Gene Burgers**

May 19, 1939 † April 30, 2026

## **Funeral Service**

10:30 AM

Tuesday, May 5, 2026

First Lutheran Church

Colton, South Dakota

## **Officiating**

Rev. Herb Wounded Head III

## **Orangist**

Deb Bunde

## **Congregational Hymns**

“Amazing Grace”

“How Great Thou Art”

“What a Friend we have in Jesus”

## **Pallbearers**

Austin Carlson

Nick Aeilts

JD Amundson

Dustin Kleba

Ben Shafer

Paul Amundson

## **Interment**

Colton Cemetery

Colton, South Dakota

## **Military Honors**

United State Army

Arthur T. Peterson Post No. 136

Chester American Legion



## *A Tribute to A Truck Driver*

*They come in all sizes, all ages and many shapes  
They come from many different towns and far away states.  
Some look tired and worn, having traveled many miles,  
Amazingly some still possess warm and friendly smiles.*

*Without the trucker the world would suffer a great loss,  
They keep on moving the things we need daily at any cost.  
They experience many, many long days a lonely nights,  
Traveling thousands of miles, seeing lots of unusual sights.*

*At time stopping long enough to call a loved one at home,  
Loved ones help a truck driver to not always feel so alone.  
Fuel stops, coffee breaks enables a driver to keep on going,  
Praying that the traffic on the interstate won't be slowing.*

*If you don't have knowledge of how a driver really lives,  
Or if you're not aware of how much of himself he gives,  
When you pass an eighteen wheeler while out on the road,  
Give the driver the room her needs to maneuver his load.*

*He can't stop on a dime or turn a corner that is real sharp,  
When you get behind a truck going slow, please don't harp.  
As fast as he can, he safely shifts though all the gears,  
And it makes him nervous when a fast moving car nears.*

*Wave your hand or honk your horn in a friendly manner,  
For all our truck drivers we should fly a banner.  
They move the food we eat and the clothes which we wear,  
When they are needed you can count on them being there.*

*The family of Marvin Burgers thanks you for your  
presence and support. They invite you to  
refreshments and fellowship following the service.*



*Celebration of Life*  
**Marvin Gene Burgers**

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