



IN LOVING MEMORY OF

Francis Louis Murphy

WHO WAS BORN

September 28, 1930

Elrod Township, Clark County, South Dakota

AND CALLED TO HIS ETERNAL HOME

February 2, 2024

Milbank, South Dakota

MASS OF CHRISTIAN BURIAL

Wednesday, February 7, 2024 - 10:30 a.m.

St. Lawrence Catholic Church

Milbank, South Dakota

CELEBRANT

Father Brian Eckrich

MUSICIANS

Sandy Tucholke, Organist

St. Lawrence Funeral Choir

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER

Kathy Jurgens

CASKET BEARERS

Tom Lesnar | Dennis Lesnar | Steve Holm

Dan Meyer | Jackson Jurgens | Ross Jurgens

INTERMENT

Webster Cemetery

Webster, South Dakota

APPRECIATION

Francis's family is grateful for your attendance at this service.

Your many expressions of kindness and love are deeply appreciated. Following the Mass, please join the family for food and fellowship in the church dining room.

Mundwiler Funeral Home - Milbank, South Dakota

Lord make me an INSTRUMENT of
Thy *peace;*
where there is hatred,
let me sow love;
where there is injury, pardon;
where there is doubt, FAITH;
where there is despair, hope;
where there is darkness, light;
& where there is sadness, *Joy.*
O DIVINE MASTER,
grant that I may not so much seek to be consoled,
as to console; to be understood,
as to understand; to be loved,
as to love; for it is in giving that we receive,
and it is in pardoning, that we are pardoned
and it is in dying,
that we are born to ETERNAL LIFE.

-St. Francis of Assisi

Francis Louis Murphy was born on September 28, 1930, in Elrod Township of Clark County, SD. The family moved to Waubay where Francis attended country school through eighth grade. After attending country school in Waubay, Francis and his family settled on a farm northeast of Ortley, SD, and Francis attended school in Summit, SD. He graduated from Summit High School with the Class of 1948. Following graduation, he returned to farming, joining his father and continuing their family legacy.

In the early 1960s, Francis briefly worked at Oahe Dam in Pierre, SD, showcasing his versatility and dedication to hard work. There was a dedication by President Kennedy at the dam and Francis was fortunate enough to be able to attend.

It was at a Bingo game hosted by the Catholic church in Waubay that he met Marlene Lesnar. Their connection was undeniable, and they were united in marriage on September 26, 1964, in Webster, SD.

Together, Francis and Marlene embarked on a new chapter, moving to a farm in Wheatland Township of Day County, SD. They lovingly raised their two children while farming the land and having a herd of dairy cattle.

Not only was Francis a skilled farmer but also a devoted community member, serving on the Wheatland Township Board and on the church council at Immaculate Conception Church in Waubay. His commitment to his family and community led him to assume the role of President of the Milbank Senior Citizens, where he ensured the well-being and enrichment of his fellow members.

Francis's kindness and generosity extended far beyond his work and community involvement. He found joy in the simple pleasures of life, relishing in a spirited game of cards, especially Whist and Pinochle. He loved to watch car races and cheered on the Minnesota Twins. Francis really cherished the moments spent with Marlene by taking her to the movies or just going for a drive.

Francis leaves behind his children: Carol (Chuck) Lorden of Elkton, SD; and David (Lori) Murphy of Waverly, MN; six grandchildren: Cameron Lorden, Cierra Lorden, Brittany (Dave) Keltgen, Jenna (Chase) Olson, Samantha Murphy, and Zachary Murphy; three great-grandchildren: Jordan, Alex, and Brayden; two sisters: Dorothy Meyer of Wilmot, SD; and Maureen (Ron) Rysso of Grayling, MI; along with many nieces and nephews.

Preceding him in death were his wife, Marlene; his parents; sisters: Sr. Patricia Murphy and Collette Weyh; and brother, Robert Murphy.

