



IN LOVING MEMORY OF
Donald Frederick Strege

WHO WAS BORN
September 30, 1929
Milbank, South Dakota

AND CALLED TO HIS ETERNAL HOME
March 15, 2024
Milbank, South Dakota

FUNERAL SERVICE
Saturday, March 23, 2024 - 11:00 a.m.
Bethlehem Lutheran Church
Milbank, South Dakota

OFFICIANT: Reverend Nathan Neugebauer

MUSICIAN: Carol Angerhofer

CASKET BEARERS

All of Don's Grandchildren:
Nathan Strege | Michael Strege | Daniel Athey | Abbie Hitzemann
Andrew Hitzemann | Taylor Strege | Claire Strege

HONORARY CASKET BEARERS

All of Don's Great-Grandchildren:
Averie Strege | Keelan Strege
Jackson Hitzemann | Harrison Hitzemann | Hudson Hitzemann

MILITARY HONORS

American Legion Birch-Miller Post #9
V.F.W. Grant County Post #3486
V.V.A. Northeast SD Chapter #1054
D.A.V. Chapter #19
Milbank, South Dakota

INTERMENT

Bethlehem Lutheran Cemetery
Milbank, South Dakota

APPRECIATION

Dons's family is grateful for your attendance at this service.
Your many expressions of kindness and love are deeply
appreciated. Following the interment, please join the family
for food and fellowship in the church fellowship hall.

Mundwiler Funeral Home - Milbank, South Dakota

*Do not let your hearts be troubled. You believe in
God; believe also in me.*

*My Father's house has many rooms; if that were not so,
would I have told you that I am going there to prepare a
place for you?*

*And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come
back and take you to be with me that you also may be
where I am.*

You know the way to the place where I am going.

*Thomas said to him, "Lord, we don't know where you
are going, so how can we know the way?"*

*Jesus answered, "I am the way and the truth and the
life. No one comes to the Father except through me.*

John 14:1-6 NIV

Donald Frederick Strege was born on September 30, 1929, in Milbank, SD, to Frederick and Elsie (Jann) Strege. He attended school at Alban Township #5 School through eighth grade.

On January 10, 1951, Donald was united in marriage with Luella Reese in Milbank, SD. To this union, five children were born.

Only a few days after they wed, Donald enlisted in the Army National Guard in Ortonville and served with the 25th Division during the Korean Conflict. He was honorably discharged in December of 1952.

Donald and Luella resided in Alban Township of Grant County, SD, from 1951 to 1967. They moved into Milbank in 1967 and resided there until Luella's passing in 2009. Donald remained in their home until October of 2022 when he moved into assisted living.

Always a hard worker, Donald worked at Strege & Sons in Big Stone City, SD, and at Rod Weeder in Ortonville, MN, for many years. In 1983, he started work in the maintenance department of the Whetstone Valley Nursing home and worked there until his retirement in 1998. Donald was an all-around handyman and could fix just about anything. He also detailed many vehicles throughout the years.

With his faith being large part of his life, Donald was a life-long member of Bethlehem Lutheran Church in rural Milbank. He was baptized and confirmed there when he was young and in later years, served as a church elder, treasurer, and chairman of the church board.

Following retirement, Donald enjoyed travelling and visited many states and countries with his wife, Luella.

Donald is survived by his children: Don (Laurie) Strege of Milbank, SD; David Strege of Rapid City, SD; Linda (Randy) Athey of Big Stone City, SD; Brenda (Mark) Hitzemann of Sioux Falls, SD; and Roger Strege of Buffalo, MN; seven grandchildren: Nathan (Kayla) Strege, Michael Strege, Daniel (Christina) Athey, Abbie Hitzemann, Andrew (Nicole) Hitzemann, Taylor Strege, and Claire Strege; five great-grandchildren: Averie and Keelan Strege; and Jackson, Harrison, and Hudson Hitzemann; brothers: Bob Strege, and Harold Strege; along with many nieces and nephews.

Preceding him in death were his parents; wife, Luella; grandson, Jason Brotzel, daughter-in-law, Suzy Strege; and sisters-in-law: LouAnn Strege, Mary Strege, and Darlene Eide.



*A Father's steady hand
prepares us for
the world...
He endures
forever in
our hearts.*