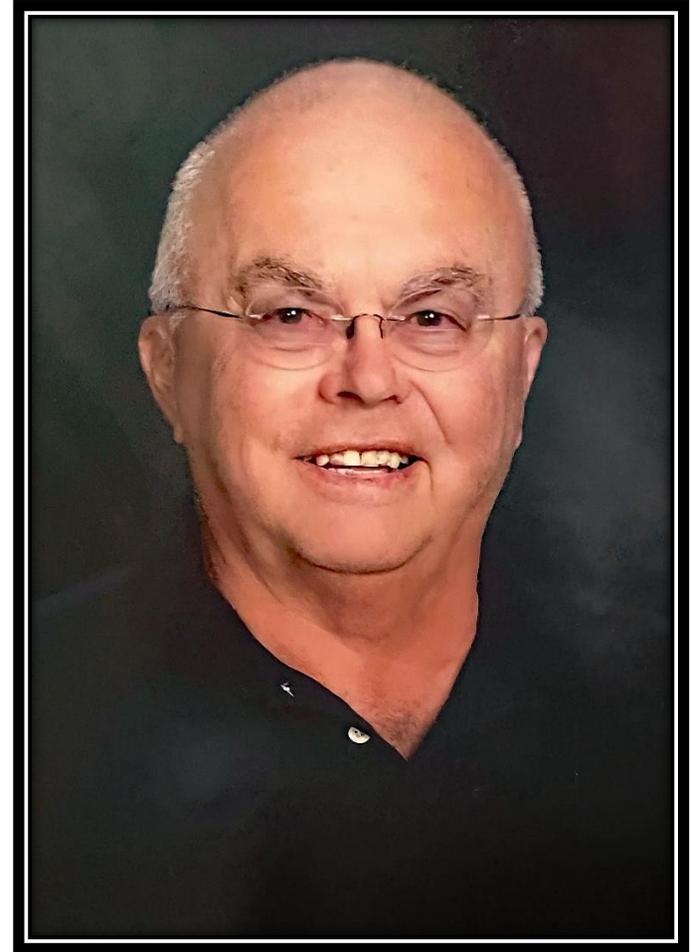


# *In Loving Memory*

## *He Only Takes The Best*

*God saw you getting tired and a cure  
was not to be, so He put his arms around  
you and whispered "Come with Me."  
With tear filled eyes, we watched as you  
suffered and faded away; although we loved  
you deeply, we could not will you to stay.  
A golden heart stopped beating, hard working  
hands at rest, God broke our hearts to show us,  
"He Only Takes The Best."*



*One rarely saw Dale without a cap.  
Over the years he had amassed quite a  
collection. Many of those caps are here today.  
The family would be honored if you took  
one home with you to remember him by.*

# *Dale Schlechter*

*June 10, 1942 - March 2, 2025*

Goglin Funeral Homes are honored to serve  
the family and friends of Dale Schlechter.



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In Loving Memory  
Dale Schlechter  
1942 - 2025

Memorial Service  
11:00 a.m.  
Saturday, March 8, 2025  
Scotland Community Church  
Scotland, South Dakota

Clergy  
Pastor Del Neumeister

Music  
Sharon Orth – organist  
*Amazing Grace*  
*Blessed Assurance*  
*How Great Thou Art*  
by Carrie Underwood

Honorary Urn Bearers  
Dale's Grandchildren:  
Cody, Rowdy, Trixie, John,  
Molly, Maverick & Elizabeth

Military Rites  
Army Honor Guard  
Paul Grosshuesch VFW Post 2966  
Joseph Vurm American Legion Post 155

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*A Celebration of Life  
will be planned at a later date  
following Dale's final ride  
in his beloved '64 Chevy.*

Dale was born June 10, 1942 in Yankton, SD to Henry and Elsie (Grosshuesch) Schlechter and was the youngest of four. He attended Brown Country School rural Scotland and graduated from Scotland High School in 1960. Dale served in the US Army 1963-1965 was honorably discharged and came home to farm. Shortly after, he married his high school sweetheart Doreen Van Driel in 1967 and they shared 57 years. Together they raised four children on their farm just north of Scotland. Along with farming, he later drove truck for Fuerst Trucking.

Dale had many hobbies during his life. One of those was racing. Dale raced stock cars with his buddies on the dirt track west of Scotland during the early years. He has always been fond of fast cars and enjoyed NASCAR racing the rest of his life. Dale and Doreen were able to travel and enjoy many of those races in person with their racing friends. Annual deer hunting trips with the neighborhood buddies went on for many years. Dale was known to be quite the marksman with both gun and bow. Oh the stories that originated during those hunting trips. In later years, those hunting trips turned into fishing trips for walleye, "the only fish there is." In fact, those "slimy Northerns" were never even allowed in his boat.

Dale and Doreen retired from farm life in 2002 and moved into town. Dale picked up woodworking in his shop and many of his works are cherished by friends and family. That shop was also known as one of the original gathering spaces for the friends' weekly socials, a tradition that remains today.

Dale passed away Sunday, March 2, 2025 at the Scotland Good Samaritan Center. He was 82 years old.

Dale was preceded in death by his parents, Henry and Elsie Schlechter and grandson, Jacob.

Dale is survived by his wife, Doreen (Van Driel) Schlechter; children, Steven (Tammy Jo) Schlechter of Bruce, SD, Kristin (Johnny) Houg of Garretson, SD, Jesse (Jenna) Schlechter of Lakefield, MN and Stacy Schlechter of Parkson, SD; grandchildren, Cody (Megan) Schlechter, Rowdy (Daniel) Warr, Trixie Jo (Erica) Schlechter, John Dale Houg, Molly Houg, Maverick Houg and Elizabeth Houg; great-grandchildren, Lettie Jo and Jerrimy Cody Schlechter.