



**He is Gone!**

*You can shed tears that he is gone  
Or you can smile because he has lived.*

*You can close your eyes and pray that he'll come back  
Or you can open your eyes and see all he's left.*

*Your heart can be empty because you can't see him  
Or you can be full of the love you shared.*

*You can turn your back on tomorrow and live  
yesterday  
Or you can be happy for tomorrow because of  
yesterday.*

*You can remember him and only that he's gone  
Or you can cherish his memory and let it live on.*

*You can cry and close your mind,  
Be empty and turn your back  
Or you can do what he'd want:  
Smile, open your eyes, love and go on.*

*David Harkins*

*In Loving Memory of*

**Francis C. Drew**

*July 23, 1935 – May 28, 2021*

**Funeral Service**

*Pukwana Free Lutheran Church*

*Pukwana, SD*

*Tuesday, June 1, 2021*

*10:00 a.m.*

**Officiating**

*Gene Van Zee*

**Music**

*Janice Mosel - Pianist*

*Alayna Keckler - Soloist*

*"I love how you love me" - Solo*

*"Amazing Grace" – Congregational Hymn*

*"How Great though Art" - Congregational Hymn*

**Military Graveside Rites**

*Johnson-Peterson Post No. 179*

*Reliance- Kennebec, SD*

**Interment**

*Riverview Cemetery*

*Chamberlain, SD*

*Arrangements By: Hickey Funeral Home, Chamberlain, SD*

Francis C. Drew was born July 23, 1935 at Chamberlain, SD to Robert F. and Myrtle (Zoost) Drew. He attended and graduated from Chamberlain High School.

After high school, Drew enlisted in the South Dakota Army National Guard making it his career for over 38 years. He retired as the Shop Chief of the 200<sup>th</sup> Engineer Guard Unit in Chamberlain, SD.

On August 7, 1981, Drew was united in marriage to Rebecca Dixon at Elk Point, SD. They made their home in Chamberlain until moving to Mitchell in 2020 to be near their daughter Sam.

Drew enjoyed fishing, hunting and camping. He was a member of the Johnson Peterson Post of Reliance, the Chamberlain Jaycee's, the Chamberlain-Oacoma Volunteer Fire Department, and a board member of the Pukwana Free Lutheran Church.

Drew passed away on May 28, 2021 at his home in Mitchell, SD at the age of 85 years. Gratefully sharing his life are his wife Rebecca Drew of Mitchell; two sons Scott Drew of Rapid City, SD and Jason (Benita) Drew of Pottsville, AR; two daughters Lynette (Monte) Sullivan of Indianapolis, IN and Samantha Keckler (Nathan Schaub) of Mitchell, SD; a brother George Drew of Rapid City, SD; sister Nolaine Drew of Chamberlain, SD; ten grandchildren; 11 great grandchildren; and many other nieces, nephews, and relatives.

Preceding him in death were his parents Robert and Myrtle; son-in-law Justin Keckler; grandson Bradley Hines; three sisters Gen (Sonny) Doran, Darlene Bradler, and Roberta (Sheldon) Pingrey; mother and father-in-law Milo and Dorothy Dixon.