



God's Garden

*God looked around his garden
And found an empty space;
He then looked down upon this earth
And saw your tired face.*

*He put his arm around you
And lifted you to rest;
God's garden must be beautiful,
He only takes the best.*

*He knew that you were suffering,
He knew you were in pain,
He knew you might never
Get well upon this earth again.*

*He saw the road was getting rough
And the hills were hard to climb,
So He closed your weary eyelids
And whispered, "Peace be thine".*

Please use this QR code to view Del's
online obituary and guestbook.



IN LOVING MEMORY OF ***Delwyn "Del" Cross***

WHO WAS BORN

July 18, 1935
Bemidji, Minnesota

AND CALLED TO HIS ETERNAL HOME

July 21, 2026
Milbank, South Dakota

FUNERAL SERVICE

Tuesday, July 28, 2026 - 2:00 p.m.
Central Church
Milbank, South Dakota

CLERGY

Rev. Dr. Mike Brossman | Pastor Sandy Marquardt

MUSICIAN

Sheila Dailie, Pianist

SPECIAL SONGS

"On Eagle's Wings" | "Blessed Assurance"
"Precious Lord, Take My Hand"

ACTIVE CASKET BEARERS

Jody Kuper | Jim Marquardt | Joe Breske
Dan Wagner | Mike Mach | Kenne Dailie

HONORARY CASKET BEARERS

Garden Club | Crossroads Backpack Program
Deloris's Coffee Group | Past Square Dancing Members

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
Sons of American Legion Post #9

INTERMENT

Milbank City Cemetery
Milbank, South Dakota

APPRECIATION

Del's family is grateful for your attendance at this service.
Your expressions of kindness and love are deeply appreciated.
Following the graveside service, please join the family for a
time of fellowship and refreshments in the church dining area.

Mundwiler Funeral Home - Milbank, South Dakota

*D*elwyn “Del” Roy Cross was born on July 18, 1935, to Roy and Nora (Nelson) Cross in Bemidji, MN. Del attended school in Bemidji and graduated with the Class of 1953. He was baptized as an adult at the Bemidji Methodist Church in Bemidji.

Del began his career as a custodian at the Minnesota National Guard Armory in Bemidji, MN. He later joined the National Guard unit earning the rank of Supply Sergeant. Del proudly served from 1953 to 1963 with Co. E, 136th Infantry, 47th “Viking” Division. He then began his longtime career with Otter Tail Power Company, working as a plant operator in Bemidji, Fergus Falls, and at the Big Stone Power Plant. He retired in 1997 after many years of dedicated service.

Del’s dream was to find a cook and nurse; with Deloris he found both. He married the love of his life, Deloris Jensen, on August 26, 1972, at Grafton Lutheran Church in Grafton, ND. Together, they shared many wonderful years filled with love, laughter, travel, and countless memories. Del was proud to say they never had an argument in their 53 years of marriage.

Outside of work, Del found great joy in serving others and being involved in his community. He enjoyed gardening, volunteering, traveling, and especially square dancing. Del and Deloris shared a deep love for square dancing and spent many years traveling throughout the region to attend dances and events. Their involvement extended beyond participation, as he served as an officer in square dance clubs at both the local and state levels. Del enjoyed walking in the pool at Unity Square for exercise.

Del was active in many organizations and service opportunities. He was involved with the Milbank Garden Club at the district and state levels, served as a church usher for Central Church in Milbank, and participated on the worship and trustee committees. Del was humbled to have the Milbank Area Backpack Program renamed Crossroads Backpack Program in honor of his 13 years of dedication to the program.

He is survived by his loving wife, Deloris Cross, of Milbank, SD; and many nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents: Roy and Nora Cross; and his sisters: Wanda Balzell and Wilda Ulmer.

On Eagle’s Wings

