

Howard Fritz Schweitzer

Howard Fritz Schweitzer was born in Fredonia, ND, on January 31, 1932, to Fred and Alice Schweitzer. He was raised on a farm south of Gackle. Howard went to country school for 8 years. After that he worked on a large cattle ranch south of Gackle. In January of 1951, he enlisted in the Air Force and served in Korea during the Korean War. Howard received the Korean Service medal and the UNSV Medal. He was honorably discharged from service on October 23, 1953, at Smoky Hill Air Force base in Kansas.

He worked for Lindberg Construction in Jamestown, ND, for two years and attended a trade school. On September 15, 1954, Howard Schweitzer and Eleanor Braun were married in Cleveland, ND. In August 1955, they moved to Lead where Howard went to work for Homestake Mining Company in the gold mine. He worked as a miner and shift boss for 34 and one half years, retiring in 1989.

Howard and Eleanor enjoyed camping and fishing as well as traveling, taking many bus tours to Canada, Nashville, Glacier Park, and many different places.

He was a life member of the VFW in Deadwood, a life member of the Elks Club in Deadwood, and a member of the Moose Lodge in Belle Fourche.

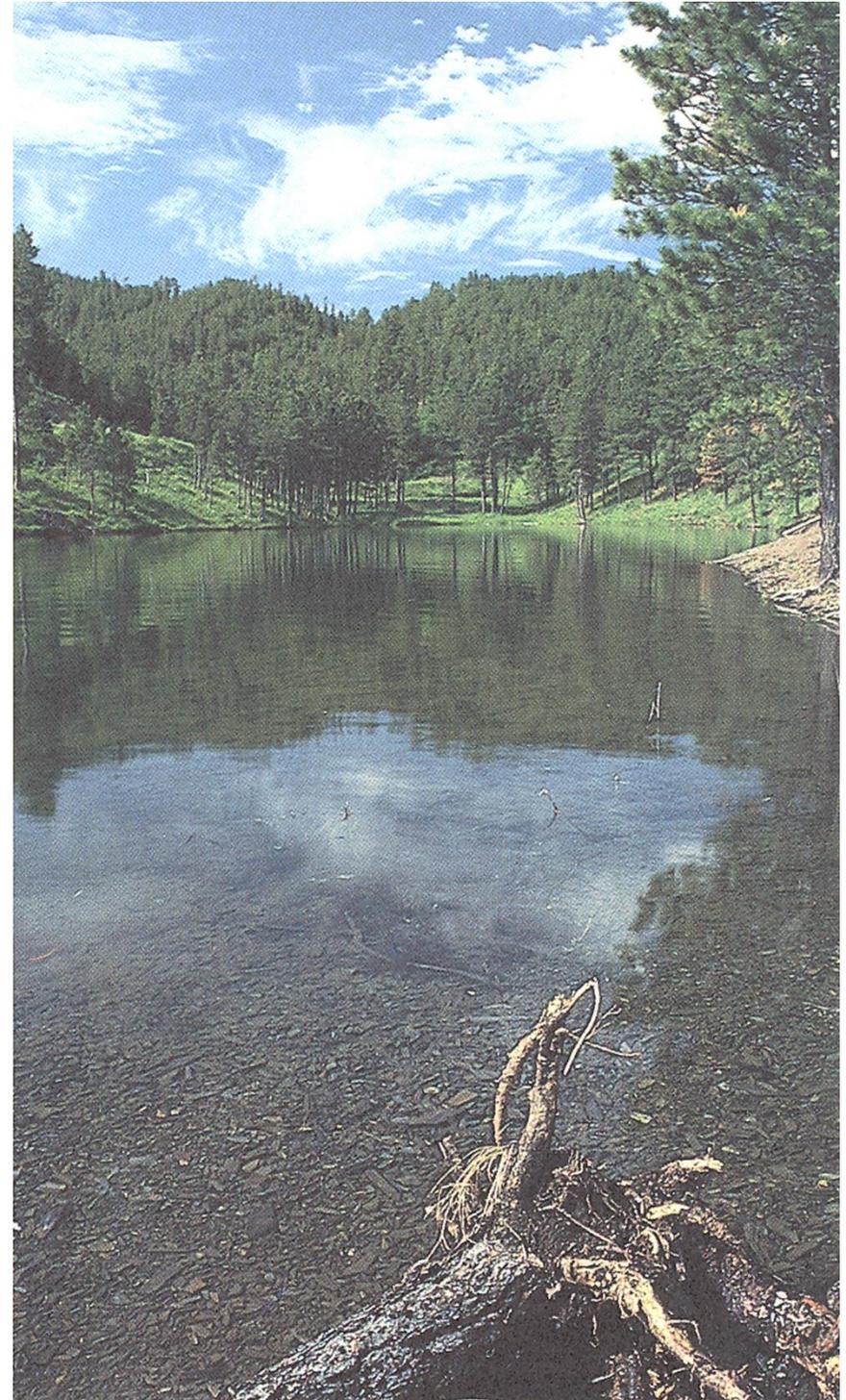
Howard, 81, St. Onge, passed away Friday, May 10, 2013, at Fort Meade VA Medical Center, after a long, courageous battle with cancer, and other health problems. According to his wishes he was cremated.

Survivors include his wife of 59 years, Eleanor; two sons, Douglas and Dean Schweitzer, all of St. Onge; sister, Shirley Perrett, Marshall, WI; brother, Leo (Faye) Schweitzer, Bismarck, ND; his buddy, Jaggar; and many nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Fred and Alice Schweitzer; brothers, Floyd, Curtis, and Roy; and sisters, Betty Arlene, Mary, and Joan.

Memorials have been established to the St. Onge United Church of Christ or a memorial of the donor's choice.

Condolences may be sent to the family at www.kinkadefunerals.com.





I'm Free

Don't grieve for me, for now I'm free
I'm following the path God has laid you see.
I took His hand when I heard His call
I turned my back and left it all.

I could not stay another day
To laugh, to love, to work or play.
Tasks left undone must stay that way
I found the peace at the close of day.

If my parting has left a void
Then fill it with remembered joys - -
A friendship shared, a laugh, a kiss
Oh yes, these things I too will miss.

Be not burdened with times of sorrow.
I wish you the sunshine of tomorrow.
My life's been full, I savored much,
Good friends, good times, a loved one's touch.

Perhaps my time seemed all too brief - -
Don't lengthen it now with undue grief.
Lift up your hearts, and peace to thee - -
God wanted me now: He set me free.

In Loving Memory Of

Howard Fritz Schweitzer

Born

January 31, 1932
Fredonia, North Dakota

Died

May 10, 2013
Fort Meade, South Dakota

Memorial Service

Thursday, May 16, 2013, at 10:30 a.m.
St. Onge United Church of Christ

Officiating

Pastor Del Neumeister

Accompanist

Nadine Fidler

Congregational Hymns

"In The Garden"
"Amazing Grace"
"The Beautiful Garden Of Prayer"

Honorary Pallbearers

All Family and Friends

Inurnment

Black Hills National Cemetery

*The family invites you to join them for fellowship and lunch at the
St. Onge Community Hall immediately following the memorial service.
We thank you for your presence and condolences.*