

Retired barber, avid B.S.er and fisherman, Steve Walter Schomp, 75, of Chamberlain, South Dakota, passed away suddenly on January 2nd at his home after a courageous battle with cancer. Steve was born August 3rd, 1949 in Alliance, Nebraska to Eldon and Edyth Schomp. Steve grew up on the family farm and ranch on the Mirage Flats south of Hay Springs, Ne. He attended grade school at Mirage Flats and went on to graduate high school in Hay Springs, Ne in 1968. While growing up, Steve and his younger brother, Ben spent their summers rodeoing. They both won many saddles, trophies and buckles. In 1962, Steve was named the World Champion Little Britches All-Around cowboy in Littleton, Colorado. He and his dad, Eldon, flew to New York City where Steve was invited to be a contestant on the televised game show "To Tell the Truth". Steve then went on to finish out his schooling at Denver Barber College and then enlisted into the USS Navy.

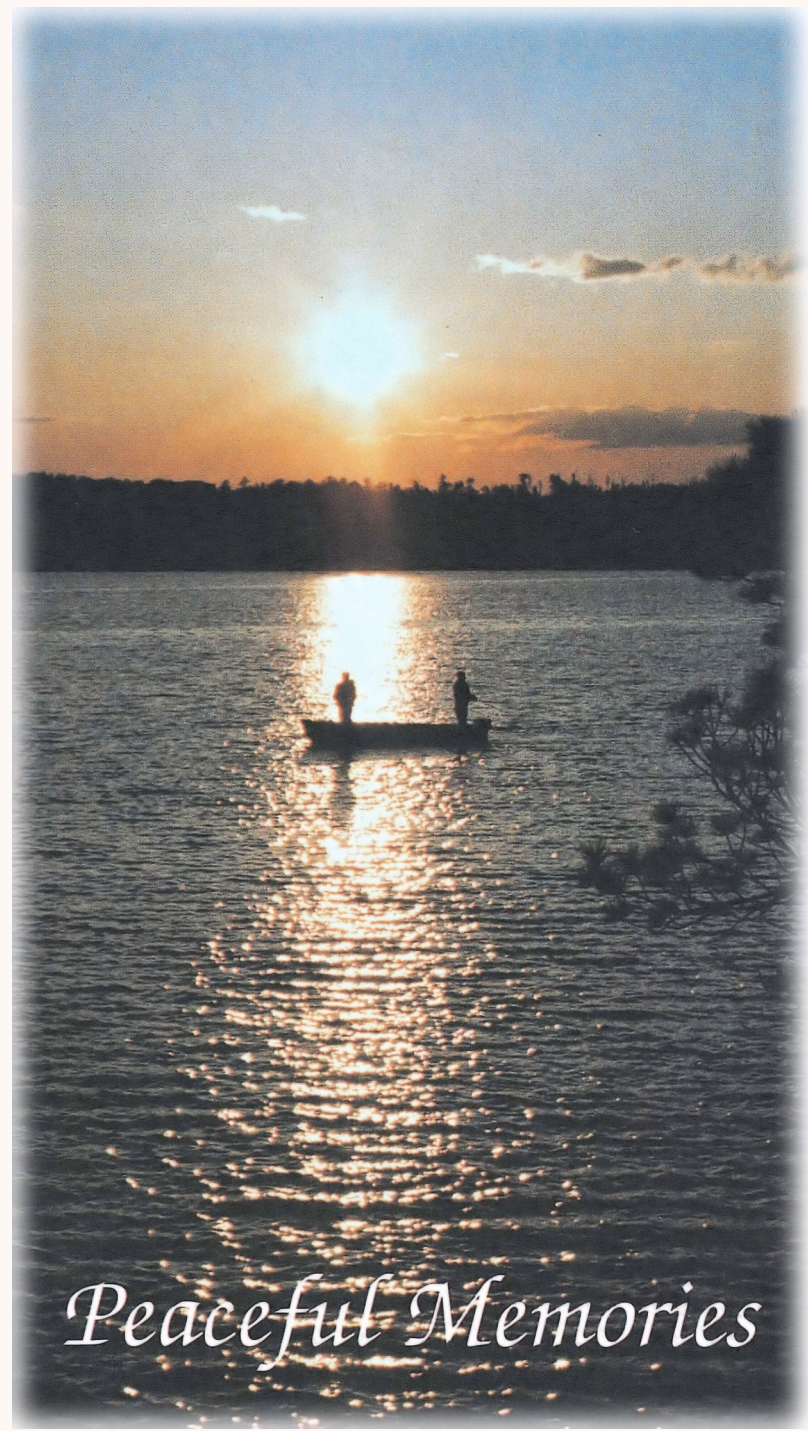
On May 28th, 1972, he married Joyce Cook. The young couple lived in Bridgeport, Ne. where Steve was a State Brand Inspector and Joyce taught school. In 1974, they moved to Hay Springs, Ne. where he farmed and ranched. Together, they had 3 children; Judd, Thad and Brooke.

In 1989, Steve, Joyce and their three children moved to Chamberlain, South Dakota where Steve was a well-known, sharp-skilled barber, commonly known as 'Steady Steve'. After cutting countless heads of hair and telling thousands of long-winded stories, he retired in the year 2018.

Steve spent many weekends driving his kids to rodeos all over the state. And we all knew it was him driving down the street when we saw the mug of a labrador retriever riding as his sidekick. In his more recent years, Steve loved going to McDonalds and meeting up with friends for afternoon coffee almost every day. He often would go down to the fishing pier and visit people trying to catch a few walleye. He loved going to the grandkids' activities as well. Steve had a hearty laugh that everyone will remember fondly.

Steve is survived by his wife, Joyce Schomp; 3 children, Judd Schomp , Thad (Devan) Schomp, and Brooke (Doug) Moeller; 7 grandchildren, Hadley and Sadie of Martin, SD, Dailynn, Josclynn and Hayes of Elkton, SD, Bristol and Berkeley of Pukwana, SD; by this brother Ben (Nancy) Schomp, of Hershey, NE; and by many nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Eldon and Edyth Schomp.



Peaceful Memories



I'm Free

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

*I could not stay another day
to laugh, to love, to work or play.
I've found that peace at the close of day.*

*If my parting has left a void,
then fill it with remembered joy.
A friendship shared, a laugh, a kiss,
Ah, 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 heart and share with me,
God wanted me now; He set me free.*

In Loving Memory

Steve Walter Schomp

August 3, 1949 ~ January 2, 2025

Funeral Service

United Church of Christ
Chamberlain, SD

11:00 a.m., Tuesday, January 7, 2025

Officiating

Rev. Jim Oleson

Music

“Remember Him That Way” - Luke Combs
“Good Horse, Whiskey, & You” - Munsick Brothers
“My Rifle, My Pony, & Me” - Dean Martin & Ricky Nelson

Casketbearers

Judd Schomp
Hayes Schomp

Thad Schomp
Todd Hollenbeck
Doug Moeller

Cole Schomp
Jim Alcorn

Military Graveside Rites By

American Legion Potter Post No. 3
VFW Post No. 6436
Chamberlain, SD

Interment

Riverview Cemetery
Chamberlain, SD

Please join the family in the church basement following the committal services for lunch & fellowship.