



IN LOVING MEMORY OF

# Melbourne Kenneth McCrea

WHO WAS BORN

August 25, 1927

Ortonville, Minnesota

AND CALLED TO HIS ETERNAL HOME

March 8, 2023

Milbank, South Dakota

FUNERAL SERVICE

Tuesday, March 14, 2023 - 2:00 p.m.

Mundwiler Funeral Home

Milbank, South Dakota

OFFICIANT

Rev. Dr. DeVern Schwenn

MUSICIAN

Tim Mundwiler, Guitarist & Vocalist

CASKET BEARERS

Tyler Grabow | Jason Grabow | Greg Grabow

David Kruger | Darien Waniorek | Kenneth Wiese

INTERMENT

At A Later Date

Wilmot Cemetery

Wilmot, South Dakota

APPRECIATION

Melbourne's family is grateful for your attendance at this service. Your many expressions of kindness and love are deeply appreciated. Following the service, please join the family for food and fellowship at the Speedway.

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The LORD is my *Shepherd;*  
I shall not want.

He maketh me to  
lie down in green pastures:

He leadeth me beside the still waters,

He restoreth my  
*soul:*

He leadeth me in the paths of righteousness  
for His name's sake. Yea though I walk through the  
valley of the shadow of death.

*I will fear no evil:*  
*for Thou art with me;*  
Thy rod and Thy staff they comfort me.

Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies

Thou anointest my head with oil; My cup runneth over

Surely goodness & mercy shall follow me  
all the days of my life;

And I will dwell in the house  
of the LORD *forever.*  
- Psalm 23

**M**elbourne Kenneth McCrea, son of Kenneth and Margaret (Schwandt) McCrea was born on August 25, 1927, in Ortonville, MN. With the exception of his time in the Army, he lived all his life on the family farm in Kilborn Township of Grant County, SD.

Melbourne was baptized at Trinity Lutheran Church and was a member of the Zion Presbyterian Church in Twin Brooks, SD, serving as elder when it closed. He then joined the First Presbyterian Church in Wilmot, SD.

He attended Kilborn #4 Country School then started farming at an early age with his younger brother.

In 1951, Melbourne was drafted into the United States Army and served two years in Korea in the 2nd Infantry Division, serving long enough to rotate out and then served as a medic in an Army hospital in Japan until his honorable discharge in 1953.

In 1964, he and his brother, Orgene formed McCrea Brothers Partnership in crops and livestock farming. After semi-retiring, he began going on bus tours and enjoyed travel to the east and west coasts, Iceland, Portugal, Canada, Nashville, and to Branson several times.

Melbourne provided a home for his mother after his father died in 1971. In 1980, he built a new house where he, his mother, and sister, Verda lived. Combined with Verda's help, his mother lived to be nearly 103, passing in 2001. He was a dear uncle to his nieces and nephews who have fond memories of being on the farm.

Melbourne is survived by his brother, Orgene (Karen) McCrea of Twin Brooks, SD; sister, Verda McCrea of Milbank, SD; his nieces: Kim McCrea of Milbank, SD; Sheryl Pappas of Brookings, SD; Karla Boone of Blomkest, MN; and Carmen (Scott) Collins of Thief River Falls, MN; his nephews: Von McCrea of Twin Brooks, SD; Kevin (Sheila) Schimmel of Webster, SD; and Gary (Connie) Sauer of Webster, SD; along with many grand-nieces and nephews and their families.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Kenneth and Margaret; sister, Verona and husband, Larry Sauer; sister, Violette and husband, Lester Schimmel; and Karla's husband, Roy Boone.

## *Treasured Seasons*

*To everything there is  
a season, and a time  
for every purpose  
under heaven:*

*A time to be born and  
a time to die; a time to  
plant, and a time to  
pluck up that which is  
planted;*

*A time to kill and a  
time to heal; a time to  
break down and a  
time to build up;*

*A time to weep, and a  
time to laugh; a time to  
mourn and a time to  
dance;*

*A time to cast away  
stones, and a time to  
gather stones together;  
a time to embrace, and  
a time to refrain from  
embracing.*

*A time to get, and a  
time to lose; a time to  
keep, and a time to  
cast away;*

*A time to rend, and a  
time to sew; a time to  
keep silence and a  
time to speak;*

*A time to love, and a  
time to hate; a time of  
war and  
a time of peace.*

