



*When I come to the end of the day  
And the sun has set for me  
I want no rites in a gloom-filled room.*

*Why cry for a soul set free?  
Miss me a little, but not too long  
And not with your head bowed low.  
Remember the love we once shared-  
Miss me but let me go.*

*For this is a journey we all must take  
And each must go alone.  
It's all a part of the Maker's plan,  
A step on the road to home.  
When you are lonely and sick at heart  
Go to the friends we know  
And bury your sorrows in doing good deeds-  
Miss me but let me go.*

*In Loving Memory of*  
**Leonard E. Harres**

*March 5, 1943 ~ May 30, 2021*

**Funeral Service**

*Gann Valley Fire Hall  
Gann Valley, SD*

*10:00 a.m., Friday, June 4, 2021*

**Officiating**

*Pastor Don Grubb*

**Music**

*Deach Koch ~ Soloist*

**Casket Bearers**

*John Hall  
Rod Larson  
Jeff Hall*

*Wyatt Kotilinek  
Jeff Kohlrus  
Glenn Mayer*

**Honorary Bearers**

*Aaron Nelson  
Mike Rasmussen*

*Dwayne "Butch" Miller  
Gus Heath      David Gaulke*

**Military Graveside Rites**

*Abernathy American Legion Post No. 16  
Gann Valley, SD*

*Drips American Legion Post No. 130  
Kimball, SD*

**Interment**

*Vega Cemetery  
Kimball, SD*

Leonard E. Harres was born on March 5, 1943, to Emuel and Emma (Czapskie) Harres in Buffalo County, South Dakota. He attended country school in Buffalo County. Leonard graduated high school at the Gann Valley High School in May of 1961. Leonard went to the Rapid City School of Business, Rapid City, South Dakota and graduated in 1963. He also attended the National Guard Noncommissioned Officers School in 1968.

Leonard returned home and married Brenda Thompson. To this union, two children were born. Leonard later married Eloise “Lou” Heiser on September 18, 1978.

Leonard worked at the Plankinton Training School and was a recruiter for the National Guard in Chamberlain, SD. He also trucked over the road for the Midwest Trucking business. His main occupation was being a farmer. Leonard retired from the United States Army in March of 2003. Leonard was a member of the Chamberlain and Gann Valley American Legion/VFW.

Leonard passed away on May 30, 2021, at the Avera Weskota Memorial Hospital in Wessington Springs, SD at the age of 78. Gratefully sharing his life are his wife Lou, his three children Lanette McLeish-Kotilinek (Jeff Kohlrus), Tara (Jeff) Hall, and Kelly Harres (Aaron Nelson), grandchildren Wyatt Kotilinek, John Hall, Crystal Romero, and great grandchildren Sebastian Romero, Cristinao Romero, Sebastian Kotilinek, Trinity Kotilinek, and RaeLynn Kotilinek.

Preceding him in death are his parents Emuel and Emma Harres, brother Donald and his wife Linda, grandson John Patrick Breck and one great grandchild Ignacio Romero.