



IN LOVING MEMORY OF

Terry George Johannsen

WHO WAS BORN

November 8, 1935

Sisseton, South Dakota

AND CALLED TO HIS ETERNAL HOME

December 25, 2024

Wilmot, South Dakota

FUNERAL SERVICE

Tuesday, December 31, 2024 - 10:30 a.m.

Wilmot Lutheran Church

Wilmot, South Dakota

OFFICIANT

Reverend Kay Reeb

MUSICIAN

Cora Jones, Accompanist

CASKET BEARERS

Bruce Johannsen | Terry Ray Johannsen | Keith Johannsen

Andrew Johannsen | Joel Hermans | Mike Pedersen

HONORARY BEARERS

Linda Hermans | Lonnie Johannsen

Amber Johannsen | Ryan Reyelts

Andrews Johannsen | Rachel Johannsen

INTERMENT

Wilmot Cemetery

Wilmot, South Dakota

APPRECIATION

Terry'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 food and fellowship in the church dining room.

GOD looked around the garden,
And found an empty space.
He looked down upon the earth,
And saw your tired face. He put
His arms around you
And lifted you to rest.
God's garden must be beautiful
For He only takes the **BEST.**
He knew that you were weary,
and He knew that you were in pain.
He knew that you would never
be well on earth again.
He saw the roads were getting rough,
and the hills were hard to climb.
So He closed your weary eyelids,
Peace be Thine. and whispered

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Funeral Home



Terry George Johannsen was born on November 8, 1935, in Sisseton, SD. He was one of eight children born to George and Anastasia “Ann” (Kotzea) Johannsen. Terry’s early education took place in the country school of Lee Township in Roberts County, SD, where he completed up to eighth grade. He began working on local farms, developing a strong work ethic and a deep connection to the land.

On August 13, 1955, he married Marlene Cardwell in Wilmot, SD, beginning a life of partnership filled with love and shared experiences. Together, they were blessed with six children.

Following their marriage, Terry worked by seining carp and rough fish on Big Stone Lake. Terry’s career in the automotive industry began at Porter's Garage, followed by working at the Farmer's Co-Op Creamery, and later, at Sturdevant's in Milbank. In 1963, he entered into a partnership with Gerhardt Richter to operate the Chevy Garage in Wilmot, a venture that marked a significant chapter in his professional life. Terry retired from the garage for a little while then started working as a mechanic at Cenex in Wilmot. He ultimately retired after 25 dedicated years at Cenex, continuing to work part-time in the field he loved.

A devoted member of the Wilmot Lutheran Church, Terry served as an usher and Sunday School teacher, reflecting his commitment to faith and community. His spirit of service extended to his 22 years as a member of the Wilmot Fire Department, including a year as Fire Chief. Terry was also actively involved in the Wilmot Community Club, serving as president, and took great pride in his role as a Boy Scout leader, influencing the lives of many young people.

In his younger days, Terry enjoyed playing baseball for the local Wilmot teams, fostering friendships that would last a lifetime. An avid fan of the Minnesota Twins and Vikings, he found joy in cheering for his teams. Terry took joy in sharing the beauty of life’s simple pleasures. He found comfort in the company of nature, and was often seen tending to his yard where he delighted in feeding the birds and squirrels. He took great pride in maintaining a well-kept yard, which served as a testament to his love for his home and nature.

Terry’s love for leisure was equally notable; he relished the quiet moments spent at Lonnie Johannsen's cabin by the lake with Marlene, where laughter and warmth were always in abundance. A true thinker, he enjoyed the daily challenge of crossword puzzles, finding joy in the game and the satisfaction of completing them.

Surviving Terry are his children: Bruce (Becky) Johannsen of Milbank, SD; Julie (Rick) Reyelts of St. Francis, KS; Terry Ray (Darcy) Johannsen of Milbank, SD; and Keith (Jodie) Johannsen of Huron, SD; four grandchildren: Amber Johannsen, Ryan Reyelts, Andrew Johannsen, and Rachel Johannsen; sister, Linda Hermans of Milbank, SD; brother, Lonnie Johannsen of Coon Rapids, MN; along with numerous nieces and nephews.

Preceding him in death were his wife of 69 years, Marlene in September of 2024; his parents; sons: Jeffrey and Randy; sisters: Sherry Kay, Glora Rohlfs, and Marlene Rickard; and brothers: Dennis Johannsen and Lee Allen Johannsen.

