

**H**arlan Francis Loeschke was born on May 2, 1939, in the family home in rural Milbank, SD. He was the third son born to Harold and Margaret (Kiern) Loeschke. When Harlan was a young child, the family moved to a farm outside of Big Stone City, SD. He told stories about helping walk the cattle from the Milbank farm to the Big Stone City farm.

Harlan's many great memories included: fishing in Whetstone Creek, which ran through the farm, sledding with area residents, watching the outdoor movie screen across the highway from the farm, and being lovingly pranked by his two older brothers.

Being confirmed at Trinity Lutheran Church in Ortonville, MN, Harlan became an active member of the church. After graduating from Big Stone High School in 1957, he proudly served in the United States Army during the Korean Conflict. After working for 40 years at Whetstone Valley Electric, Harlan was able to retire. He was well known in the area for his tree trimming business.

Outside of his electrician work and tree trimming, Harlan enjoyed spending time with family and friends, playing cards at the Senior Center, and gardening. He and his brother, Lyle, enjoyed going to auctions in search of tractors.

A highlight of Harlan's life was traveling several times to Sierra Leone, Africa, with a group from Central Methodist Church. Organizing and collecting donations was something he enjoyed prior to the trips they took.

Left to cherish Harlan's memory are sister, Sandy (Jerry) Rieck of Sioux Falls, SD; and four grandchildren: Malissa, Robert, Courtney, and Grace Loeschke.

Harlan had three sons who preceded him in death in their early adult lives: Bob, Doug, and Bradley. He was also preceded in death by his parents; and brothers: James and Lyle.

## IN LOVING MEMORY OF

# Harlan Loeschke

### WHO WAS BORN

May 2, 1939  
Milbank, South Dakota

### AND CALLED TO HIS ETERNAL HOME

March 2, 2026  
Milbank, South Dakota

### MEMORIAL SERVICE

Saturday, March 28, 2026 - 1:30 p.m.  
Central Church  
Milbank, South Dakota

### CLERGY

Rev. Mike Brossman

### MUSICIANS

Sheila Dailie, Organist  
Gillian Mattice, Vocalist

### SPECIAL SONGS

“Old Rugged Cross” | “Amazing Grace”  
“How Great Thou Art” | “Abide With Me”

### ACTIVE URN BEARER

Duane Torgerson

### HONORARY URN BEARERS

Rod Torgerson | Nelsie Cox  
Carol Dragt | Jodi Nowick | Bev Garrett

### APPRECIATION

Harlan's family is grateful for your attendance at this service. Your expressions of kindness and love are deeply appreciated.

## Ecclesiastes 3:1-8

*There is a time for everything,  
and a season for every activity under the heavens:  
a time to be born and a time to die,  
a time to plant and a time to uproot,  
a time to kill and a time to heal,  
a time to tear down and a time to build,  
a time to weep and a time to laugh,  
a time to mourn and a time to dance,  
a time to scatter stones and a time to gather them,  
a time to embrace and a time to refrain from embracing,  
a time to search and a time to give up,  
a time to keep and a time to throw away,  
a time to tear and a time to mend,  
a time to be silent and a time to speak,  
a time to love and a time to hate,  
a time for war and a time for peace.*

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Harlan's online obituary and guestbook.



# Remembering

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