

## Memorial Service

Saturday, June 6, 2026

10:30 AM

First Presbyterian Church  
Wessington, South Dakota

### Officiant

Jeff Luce

### Music

SueAnn Meyers — Soloist

*Place Where I Worship*  
*God Walks These Hills*  
*Beyond The Sunset*

- Special Selection -  
*Scars In Heaven*  
by Casting Crowns

### Urn Bearers

Wayne's Grandchildren  
and Great-Grandchildren

### Interment

Wessington Cemetery  
Wessington, South Dakota

### Military Honors

Watson-Krauter Legion Post 110

*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  
Tasks left undone must stay that way.  
I found that place 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 shall miss.*

*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.*

*"I'll miss you all, gotta go!"*



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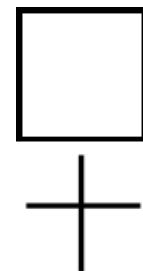
## In Loving Memory



# Wayne Horsley

November 16, 1929

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May 17, 2026




Wayne Horsley was born November 16, 1929, to Guy and Etta Eldora (Manor) Horsley near Virgil, South Dakota. At the age of 4 1/2 the family moved to the farm/ranch South of Wessington in Rose Hill township. He attended grade school at McNeil rural school. After one year of high school in Wessington he went on to graduate from South Dakota School of Agriculture in Brookings in 1948.



On September 21, 1952, he married Joan Hemmingson at the Presbyterian Church in Miller South Dakota. In October of 1952, he was inducted into the United States Army, serving proudly in the Korean War maintaining roads with the 74th Combat Engineers Headquarters Company Kumwha Valley, Korea from May 1953 to September 1954. After the cease fire he helped lay the groundwork for a new village. He was a



squad leader for heavy equipment operators. Honorably discharged with the rank of Staff Sergeant, having turned down Sergeant First Class stripes to be able to remain with heavy equipment and the Korean soldiers he was training. Wayne was awarded numerous medals for his service.

In 1954, he returned home to the farm/ranch where he spent the next 70 years. He truly loved his life as a rancher and was proud of the Herford cattle with the  box cross brand on their hips.

Wayne and Joan did a lot of traveling over the years, visiting almost every state in the US including Alaska, the East and West coasts, Gulf of Mexico, Germany including a 5-country tour and cruise down the Rhine River, Costa Rica, Panama Canal, and Columbia.

Wayne was a long-time member of the Watson-Krauter Legion Post 110, served many years in the Rose Hill Township, and a member of

the Presbyterian Church.

He was survived by his wife, Joan, of 73 years; his son, Curtis Horsley of Huron SD; his daughter, Rhonda (Craig) Reed of Newcastle, Wyoming; his grandchildren, Jodean (Stephen) Brannan, Kaylynn (Rusty) Taper, Jeanien (Blaine) Burruss and Ross (Sarah) Reed; his great-grandchildren, Miles and Ezekiel Brannan, Jamie, Ethan, Sadie, Elliott and Bruce Taper, and Brock, Willow and Wyatt Burruss; and one sister, Sharon Menning of Texas.

He was preceded in death by his parents; his sisters, Lula (Leslie) Wedge, Alma (Richard) Plate, Ruth (Merlin Thomas) (Chuck Single), Tressie (Melvin) Beck, Bertha (Rennald) Stiner, Myrtle (Henry) VanAsperen, Mary, twin sisters in infancy; his brothers, Melvin and Keith in youth; and one great-granddaughter, Hope Brannan.

