

David was born on July 19, 1960, in Hutchinson, Minnesota, to Willy and Louise Schlueter. He was baptized and confirmed at St. John's Lutheran Church in Cedar Mills, Minnesota, where his faith and values were nurtured from an early age.

In 1980, David proudly enlisted in the United States Navy, serving his country with honor until 1985. During his military service, he was stationed in Maine, Japan, Iceland, and Spain. His years in the Navy instilled in him a quiet strength, discipline, and deep appreciation for service.

After returning home, David built a career defined by dedication and hard work. He spent 20 years at Hutchinson Technology before working another 17 years with Sioux Falls Crane & Hoist. Whether on the job or at home, David believed in doing things the right way and was always willing to lend a helping hand.

On September 12, 1997, the same anniversary as his mom and dad, David married the love of his life, Marsha. Together they built a life centered on family, and unwavering commitment. He was a devoted husband, a proud father to Chance Brown and Courtney Howatt, and an adoring grandfather to Jaxon, Lucas, Clara, Goldie, Crosby, and Sonny. His grandchildren were his greatest joy, and every moment spent with them was a treasure.

David loved the outdoors and embraced every opportunity. Whether he was bow hunting, fishing, camping, playing softball, or simply spending time outside, he found peace in nature. He never hesitated to share his time, talents, or wisdom with those in need. Those who knew David will remember his calm and gentle spirit, his quiet grace, and his wonderful sense of humor. He had a way of making people feel comfortable, valued, and cared for. He didn't seek recognition or praise; instead, he lived with kindness, and a servant's heart.

His greatest accomplishment was not found in his career or achievements, but in the love he gave to his family and the example he set every day. David's legacy will live on through the lives he touched, the lessons he taught, and the family he loved so deeply. Though our hearts ache in his absence, we find comfort knowing he has been welcomed into eternal peace.

David is lovingly survived by his wife, Marsha; his children, Courtney (Alex) Howatt and Chance (Tiffany) Brown; his cherished grandchildren, Jaxon, Lucas, Clara, Goldie, Crosby, and Sonny; his mother, Louise Schlueter; his siblings, Karen (Rob Morland) Schlueter, Bruce (Lisa) Schlueter, and Aaron Schlueter; along with many nieces, nephews, extended family members, and dear friends.

He was preceded in death by his father, Willy Schlueter, and several aunts and uncles.

In Memory Of **David Wilbert Schlueter**

July 19, 1960 ✠ July 26, 2026

Memorial Service

3:00 PM

Saturday August 1, 2026

Minnehaha Funeral Home Dell Rapids

Officiating

Rev. Jared Rakness

Special Music

“Left it in the River” Jamie McDonald

“You’ll be in my Heart” Phil Collins

“Wheel in the Sky” Journey

Honorary Pallbearers

Scott Jorgensen

Brian Hannant

Dale Schlueter

Bill Asp

Craig Schaefer

Trevor Munce

Walker Munce

Interment

St. Mary’s Catholic Cemetery

Dell Rapids, South Dakota

*“Fly dragon, dragon fly
Life yourself on gossamer wings
Burst through rainbows and soak your
soul in color”*





A Life Remembered
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When someone speaks your name
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Silent are the tears that fall
Living without you
Will be the hardest part of all
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Your heart was so kind and true
And when we needed someone
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*I have fought the good fight; I have finished the race; I
have kept the faith.*

Timothy 4:7

*Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God;
believe also in me. In my Father's house there are many
dwelling places. If it were not so, would I have told you
that I go to prepare a place for you? And if I go and
prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take
you to myself, so that where I am, there you may be also.*

John 14: 1-3

*Do not fear, for I am with you;
do not be afraid, for I am your God;
I will strengthen you; I will help you;
I will uphold you with my victorious right hand.*

Isaiah 41: 10

*Come to me, all you who are weary and are carrying
heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke
upon you, and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble
in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my
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