

David Roger Dorsett's life began on December 31, 1935, in the warmth of his family's farm home in Blooming Valley Township, Grant County, SD, and concluded on December 18, 2025, at the St William's Care Center. Born to Sherman and Mamie (Narem) Dorsett, David grew up surrounded by the values of hard work, faith, and family.

He attended country school for eight years, where education was a family affair; his sisters, Inez and Mildred, along with his cousin, Helen (Dorsett) Kampen, were among his teachers. After graduating from Waubay High School in 1953, David answered the call to serve his country. From 1956 to 1958, he proudly served in the U.S. Army, spending 19 months in Europe, and later, continued his service in the



Army National Guard. His dedication to learning carried him forward, earning a Bachelor of Science degree from Northern State University in 1962. He later achieved the Chartered Property Casualty Underwriter designation in 1976, and became a teacher in this program.

It was during his college years that David met the love of his life, Marilyn Maier. The two were married on September 3, 1961, beginning a partnership that would last a lifetime. Together, they built a home filled with love, faith, and devotion to family.

David's professional journey led him into the world of insurance, where he found both success and fulfillment. After a brief time with Aberdeen Federal Savings and Loan, he and Marilyn moved to Greeley, CO, in 1963, where David began his insurance career with State Farm Insurance. He later joined Milbank Insurance Company, dedicating 25 years to various roles before accepting a position as Vice President of Underwriting at North Star Insurance in Cottonwood, MN. There, he developed the Auto Underwriting Department and worked until his retirement.

Faith was the cornerstone of David's life. His devotion to Jesus Christ was evident in the way he lived: steadfast, active, and sincere. He served faithfully at Central Methodist Church, where he was a member of the Administrative Board for 27 years and contributed to numerous committees and commissions. Later, while living in Minnesota, David and Marilyn became members of Swan Lake Evangelical Free Church, where he served as an elder. Beyond his work and faith, David cherished his role as a husband, father, and grandfather. He delighted in raising his sons, Mark and Gregg, and treasured time spent together hunting, enjoying the lake, and sharing water sports. More than anything, he sought to instill in his family the values of faith, integrity, hard work, and living lives of valor.

He leaves behind his beloved wife, Marilyn of Milbank, SD; his sons: Mark (Judy) of Milbank, SD; and Gregg (Andrea) of Kansas City, KS; four grandchildren; three great-grandchildren; and his brother, Dr. Maurice Dorsett of Aberdeen, SD. David was preceded in death by his parents: Sherman and Mamie; sisters: Inez Halby and Mildred Mallery. David's life was one of service, faith, and love, a legacy that will continue to inspire all who knew him.



IN LOVING MEMORY OF

David Dorsett

WHO WAS BORN

December 31, 1935

Grant County, South Dakota

AND CALLED TO HIS ETERNAL HOME

December 18, 2025

Milbank, South Dakota

FUNERAL SERVICE

Monday, December 29, 2025 - 10:30 a.m.

Central Church

Milbank, South Dakota

CLERGY

Pastor Melanie Reiners

EULOGY

Mark and Gregg Dorsett

MUSICIAN

Sheila Dailie, Organist

Nicci Stengel, Vocalist

SPECIAL SONGS

"Children of the Heavenly Father" | "It Only Takes a Spark"

"Great is Thy Faithfulness" | "Amazing Grace"

ACTIVE CASKET BEARERS

Jody Kuper | Jim Dahl | Kenne Dailie
Steve Nomeland | Kerbe Weets | Roger Hoff

HONORARY CASKET BEARERS

Beloved Grandchildren & Great-Grandchildren

BURIAL

Milbank City Cemetery
Milbank, South Dakota

APPRECIATION

David's family is grateful for your attendance at this service. Your expressions of kindness and love are deeply appreciated. Following the graveside, please join the family for a time of fellowship and a luncheon in the church dining area.

I'm Spending Christmas in Heaven This Year



I see the countless Christmas trees around the world below,
With tiny lights like heaven's stars reflecting on the snow.

The sight is so spectacular, please wipe away that tear,
For I am spending Christmas in Heaven this year.

I hear the many Christmas songs that people hold so dear,
But the sounds of music can't compare with the Christmas choir up
here.

For I have no words to tell you the joy their voices bring,
For it is beyond description to hear the angels sing.

I know how much you miss me and the pain inside your heart,
But it is only for a time that we are now apart.

I can't tell you the splendor or the peace here in this place,
Can you just imagine Christmas with the Savior, face to face?

So, please let your hearts be joyful and let your spirit sing,
For I am spending Christmas in Heaven and I'm walking with the King.



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