



*I will give you a new heart*

*and put a new spirit in you;*

*I will remove from you your heart*

*of stone and give you a heart of flesh.*

*Ezekiel 36:32*

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IN LOVING MEMORY OF

# *Virgil Elwood Snell*

**WHO WAS BORN**

September 20, 1940  
Milbank, South Dakota

**AND CALLED TO HIS ETERNAL HOME**

April 14, 2026  
Rochester, Minnesota

**FUNERAL SERVICE**

Monday, April 20, 2026 - 10:30 a.m.  
American Lutheran Church  
Milbank, South Dakota

**OFFICIANTS**

Rev. Dr. DeVern Schwenn  
Pastor Justin Neugebauer

**MUSICIAN**

Mary Bjordahl, Pianist

**SPECIAL SONGS**

“How Great Thou Art” | “Because He Lives”  
“A Heart That Will Never Break Again”

**CASKET BEARERS**

Kris Green | Kelby Green | Kailor Green | Mike Snell  
David Souhrada | David Kruger | Delyle Kruger | Juan Niño

**HONORARY BEARERS**

Valley Queen Cheese Factory past and present employees  
Mayo Clinic & St. Mary's Hospital Care Providers  
Mayo Transplant | Vascular Teams | Life Source  
Dr. Bjordahl and Milbank Medical Staff

**INTERMENT**

Osceola #2 Cemetery  
Marvin, South Dakota

**APPRECIATION**

Virgil's family is grateful for your attendance at this service. Your expressions of kindness and love are deeply appreciated. Immediately following the funeral service, everyone is invited for a time of fellowship and a luncheon in the church dining hall. We will depart for the Osceola #2 Cemetery at 2:00 p.m.

*Mundwiler Funeral Home - Milbank, South Dakota*

Virgil Elwood Snell was born on September 20, 1940, in Milbank, SD, to Walter and Lillian (Kruger) Snell. He attended country school in Kilborn #4 and graduated in 1958 from Corona High School. He, his brother Duane, and his parents lived on a farm near Marvin, SD, and later on a farm near Corona, SD. Virgil lived in Grant County his whole life.

Virgil married Sharon Amdahl on August 27, 1960, at Milbank American Lutheran Church. To this union, three children were born: Dawn, Dorene, and Marlin. They were foster parents to three more: Sheryl, Dean, and Jr. The family lived in the Twin Brooks, Marvin, and Milbank communities. Virgil was a member of Twin Brooks Presbyterian Church and Parkview Methodist Church in Milbank.

Virgil was employed as a polisher at Hunter Granite Company and later became a proud truck driver, hauling milk for Valley Queen Cheese Factory for 24 and half years. For many years, Virgil was the mayor of Marvin, SD, the assistant fire chief, and the caretaker of Osceola Cemetery #1 and #2.

While living in Marvin in 1980, Virgil and Sharon began their business, Snell Residential Care Home, where they took in and cared for over 100 elderly men and women, and continued in Milbank, SD, until their retirement in 2015.

In 1997, Virgil retired from Valley Queen. In 2005, Virgil received the "Gift of Life," a new heart, and lived at St. Mary's Hospital and the "Gift of Life" Transplant House in Rochester, MN, for a year. Virgil never took life for granted and was grateful for the new lease on life he'd been given.

He is survived by his three children: Dawn (Keven Christensen) Kane of Brookings, SD; Dorene (Wesley) Green of Wilmot, SD; Marlin (Tammy) Snell of Milbank, SD; eight grandchildren: April Steffensen, Alicia Kane, Karyna (David) Souhrada, Kristopher (Wendy) Green, Kalli (Bailley Friesz) Green, Kelby (Brittany Schaeffer) Green, Kailor (Abigail) Green, and Peyton Snell; nine great-grandchildren: Paisley, Lane, and Laramie Steffensen, Brooklyn, Hayven and Ella Souhrada, Draven Persson, Billy and Willamina Green; one niece, Cynthia (Gregg) Oldfield; one nephew, Michael (Kevlin) Snell; in-laws: Galen Bauman, Shelly (Arlo) Anderson, Lori Amdahl, Della Amdahl and Eunice Amdahl; special family: Jesus Sr., Maria, Juan Niño and Martha Niño Sorenson; and many beloved nieces and nephews in the Amdahl family. Preceding him in death are his wife, Sharon; his parents; one brother, Duane (Vivian) Snell; and Jesus Jr. Niño.



# Remembering

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Virgil Snell  
1940 - 2026