

Roger Schoon was born on July 23, 1941, to Henry and Lena (Mehlhoff) Schoon on the family farm near Parkston, South Dakota. On January 21, 1960, he married Donna Walter, and together they were blessed with six children: William, Roland, Ronda, Monica, Angela, and Annette.

Roger worked for Marquardt Trucking and Grain while also trying his hand at farming. In 1968, he moved his family to Whitewood, where he began a long career with Wheeler Lumber, retiring from there in 2008. In 1973, the family settled in East Slopes Estates just outside Whitewood, where Roger enjoyed raising pigeons—a hobby that became a lifelong passion. He traveled to several states showing his prize-winning birds and later served as a judge. In 2004, he also earned his Master Breeder Certificate from the American Giant Homer Association. He continued this until 2025, when it became too difficult to manage.

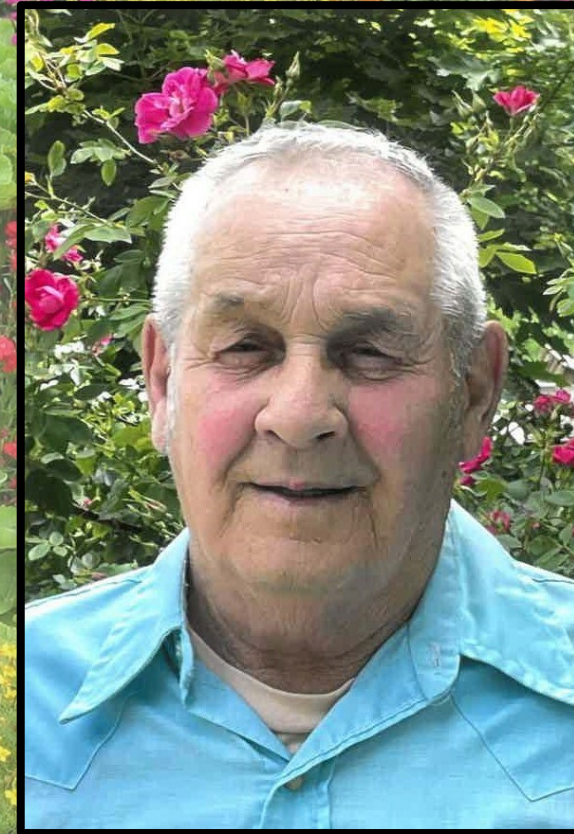
A devoted member of St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Church, Roger entered eternal rest peacefully at home, surrounded by his family, after a courageous battle with cancer.

Roger will be deeply missed by his wife of 66 years, Donna; his children William (Cindy), Roland (Myrna), Ronda (Harley), Monica (Mark), and Annette (Tim); his 13 grandchildren; and his 14 great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his daughter Angela; his parents; his brother Kenny; his sister Dorothy; and his brother Louis.



In Loving Memory



Roger Henry Schoon

July 23, 1941 – February 23, 2026

Footprints in the Sand

-Mary Stevenson

One night I dreamed I was walking along the beach with the Lord.

Many scenes from my life flashed across the sky.

In each scene I noticed footprints in the sand.

Sometimes there were two sets of footprints.

Other times there were one set of footprints.

This bothered me because I noticed
that during the low periods of my life,
when I was suffering from
anguish, sorrow or defeat,

I could see only one set of footprints.

So I said to the Lord,

'You promised me Lord,

that if I followed you,

you would walk with me always.

But I have noticed that during the most trying periods of my life
there have only been one set of footprints in the sand.

Why, when I needed you most, you have not been there for me?'

The Lord replied,

'The times when you have seen only one set of footprints in the sand,
is when I carried you.'

*The family invites you to join them for fellowship and a meal in the church hall,
following the burial. Thank you for your presence and condolences.*

In Loving Memory Of

Roger Henry Schoon

Born

July 23, 1941

Died

February 23, 2026

Mass of Christian Burial

Thursday, February 26, 2026 at 1:30pm

St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Church

Sturgis, South Dakota

Celebrant

Father Timothy Castor

Musicians

Dr. Barry Furze Myron Volk

Musical Selections

"Be Not Afraid" "Taste and See"

"On Eagle's Wings" "Here I Am Lord"

Pallbearers

Jesse, Ty, Jason, Stene,

Alex, Josh, Adam and Hunter

Honorary Pallbearers

Destiny, Kalene,

Amanda, Isabella and Bridget

Final Resting Place

St. Aloysius Cemetery

Sturgis, South Dakota