



## Herbert B. Gatzke

Herbert B. Gatzke was born in DeSart, ND, on April 7, 1930, to Hank and Rocella (Anderson) Gatzke. He was the third oldest of eleven children. He attended New England Public and graduated in 1948. He then went to summer school to become a teacher. He taught in a country school near New England and farmed with his brother, Art.

He married Lydia Kamstra in New England, ND, on September 3, 1954. There was a time when he would farm in North Dakota in the summers and then would go to Milwaukee, WI, for the winters so he could drill water wells with his brothers and

uncle. In 1966, they returned to the New England area and bought the family farm west of New England. There he farmed, ranched, and drove school bus for several years. Then in 1977, they moved into the town of New England where they continued to farm in North Dakota and South Dakota with his sons. Later they moved their house to Newell where they continued to farm with their sons. As he got older, he was once again the “local school bus driver” for Patrick and Blake.

Herbert, 83, Newell, died Sunday, December 1, 2013, at Rapid City Regional Hospital.

Survivors include four brothers, Art Gatzke, Pahrump, NV, Darryl (Arlene) Gatzke, Plevna, MT, Ben (Anita) Gatzke, New England, ND, and Gordy (Lorraine) Gatzke, Bismarck, ND; two sisters, Annabelle (Vernon) Fuchs, Bowman, ND, and Barbara (Sylvester) Schneider, Glen Ullin, ND; three sons, Dale (Malinda) Gatzke, Rapid City, SD, Ken (Collette) Gatzke, Dickinson, ND, and Steve (Kathy) Gatzke, Newell, SD; 10 grandchildren, Brandon (Jessica) Gatzke, Belle Fourche, SD, Heather Gatzke, Belle Fourche, Blake (Jordan) Proefrock, Sturgis, Patrick Gatzke and Fiancée, Mackenzi Rogers, both of Vermillion, SD, Aaron (Megan) Gatzke, North Salt Lake City, UT, Debbie (Justin) Whittaker, Belle Fourche, Kristina (Josh) Ray and Melissa Scott, all of California, Heather (Casey) Boggess, Rapid City, and Gabe (Emily) Gatzke, Greeley, CO; 13 great-grandchildren, Spencer Proefrock, Sturgis, Tate Gatzke, Belle Fourche, Trinity Wacker, Belle Fourche, Talon Wacker, Belle Fourche, James Gatzke, Belle Fourche, Kaylee Fettig, Belle Fourche, Lily Whittaker, Belle Fourche, Seth Gatzke, North Salt Lake City, UT, Heidi Steele and Trudi Steele, both of North Salt Lake City, UT, Dalton Scott, Shawna Scott, Braiden Scott, and Megan and Rebeka Ray, all of California; numerous nieces and nephews; and extended family, Lynn and LeeAnn Mauch and family.

He was preceded in death by his parents; wife, Lydia Gatzke; daughter, Kathy Neilson; sister, Millie; and three brothers, Robert, Richard and Clifford.

A memorial has been established to the First Lutheran Church in Newell.

Condolences may be sent to the family at [www.kinkadefunerals.com](http://www.kinkadefunerals.com).

## *In Loving Memory Of*



***Herbert B. Gatzke***

***1930 ~ 2013***

### *The Twenty-Third Psalm*

*The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want.*

*He maketh me to lie down in green pastures:*

*He leadeth me beside the still waters.*

*He restoreth my soul: He leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for His name's sake.*

*Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for thou art with me; Thy rod and thy staff they comfort me.*

*Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies: thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over. Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life: and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.*



*I'm Free*

*Don't grieve for me, for now I'm free  
I'm following the path  
God has laid you see.  
I took His hand when I heard His 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 the peace at the close of day.*

*If my parting has left a void  
Then fill it with remembered joys - -  
A friendship shared, a laugh, a kiss  
Oh yes, these things I too will miss.*

*Be not burdened with times of sorrow.  
I wish you the sunshine of tomorrow.  
My life's been full, I savored much,  
Good friends, good times,  
a loved one's touch.*

*Perhaps my time  
seemed all too brief - -  
Don't lengthen it now  
with undue grief.  
Lift up your hearts,  
and peace to thee - -  
God wanted me now:  
He set me free.*



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***Herbert B. Gatzke***

***Born***

April 7, 1930  
DeSart, North Dakota

***Died***

December 1, 2013  
Rapid City, South Dakota

***Funeral Service***

Friday, December 6, 2013, at 1:00 p.m.  
First Lutheran Church  
Newell, South Dakota

***Officiating***

Pastor Marcia Brennan

***Accompanist***

Susan Gerkin

***Musical Selections***

"Blessed Assurance"  
"Great Is Thy Faithfulness"  
"Borning Cry"  
"The Old Rugged Cross"

***Pallbearers***

Brandon Gatzke ~ Blake Proefrock ~ Patrick Gatzke  
Brian Gatzke ~ Lynn Mauch ~ Tate Gatzke

***Interment***

Hope Cemetery

*The family invites you to join them for fellowship and lunch  
at the NVN Senior Center following the committal service.  
We thank you for your presence and condolences.*