

In Loving Memory

*Just to know that
our family and friends are with us,
makes the way easier.*

Thank you.

*The family of
Walter Hammer*



Walter A. Hammer
May 8, 1935 — July 21, 2026

Walter A. Hammer was born May 8, 1935, in Nunda, South Dakota, to Adolph L. and Agnes (Brevik) Hammer. He grew up and attended school in various locations in eastern South Dakota. He married Betty Knutz in Huron in 1957, and they were later divorced. He served in the United States Army from 1958 – 1960, spending eighteen months in Germany as a supply clerk and a truck driver (for the base commander). A highlight of his service was meeting Elvis Presley, who was stationed nearby.

After his honorable discharge from the service, he returned to Huron and worked for Armour and Company for twenty-six years. He then worked for the SD State Highway Department as a senior maintenance worker. Walt retired in 1996.

Walt married Millie Erickson in 1990 in Huron. Millie passed away in 2019.

He and Shirley Skinner committed their lives to each other on July 3, 2022, in Colorado and he relocated from Huron to Palisade, Colorado, where he and Shirley reside during the summer months. They spend the winter months as “snowbirds” in Casa Grande, Arizona.

His hobbies included fishing, camping, woodworking and refinishing furniture, as well as vegetable gardening. Walt especially enjoyed playing cards and board games and had a reputation as a sharp and honest player. He and Shirley loved traveling and having new adventures. He was a member of the VFW and the American Lutheran Church in Huron.

Grateful for having shared in Walt’s life are his wife, Shirley of Palisade, CO; three children, Karen (Gary) Seeman of Rochester, MN, Kevin (Colette) Hammer of Lumberton, NC and Debra (Dave) Wilson, of Bartlesville, OK; six grandchildren, Christopher (Barbie) and Adam (Jamie) Seeman, Mary (Marcial) Guevara, Abby (Chase) Davis, Wesley (Ambria) Hammer and Max Wilson; eleven great-grandchildren; two great-great-grandchildren; one brother, Everett Hammer; two sisters, Janice Peterson and Deloris Gunderson; and many nieces and nephews

He was preceded in death by his parents; his step-mother, Lisa Hammer; his wife, Millie; and eight brothers and sisters.

Memorial Service

Thursday, August 13, 2026

11:00 AM

American Lutheran Church
Huron, South Dakota

Officiant

Rev. Carla Reiersen

Music

Tricia Larson — Pianist

- Congregational Hymns -

The Old Rugged Cross

How Great Thou Art

Amazing Grace

Interment

Restlawn Memory Gardens Cemetery
Huron, South Dakota

Military Honors

Beadle County Veterans Council