

Daryld was born on July 5, 1919, to Martin and Nettie Williamson on their family farm near Vale, SD. His mother had spent the day before climbing 100 steps to see the beautiful view from the top of Orman Dam. Thus, set the stage for many more challenges and adventures his life would take. Thankfully, he took time to write them down in a book, which his family will cherish forever.

His formal education included a one-room schoolhouse at North Highland Grade School and high school at Vale. In 1940, he attended Lincoln Flying School. Later, he went to work as an airplane mechanic in Laramie, WY. With the start of World War II, he began training pilots for the Navy. It was during this time his romance with Mildred Drake flourished, and they were married on June 20, 1943.

Daryld returned to the family farm, where he and Mildred raised their six children. It was here his engineering mind combined with his hard work ethic to develop a successful farming operation, which included many original inventions.

He was an active member of Empire Friends Church and served in several capacities, including clerk, treasurer, song leader, and Sunday School teacher. In 1990, Daryld and Mildred moved to their new home outside of Sturgis. "Ox Yoke" provided a beautiful setting for years of wonderful family gatherings. He remained there until his passing. He was, during this time, a member of the First Wesleyan Church of Sturgis.

Daryld M. Williamson, 100, died Tuesday, February 18, 2020, at his home in Sturgis.

He is survived by his children, Donna (Wayne) Powell of Plains, KS, Myra (Gene) Pickard of Haviland, KS, Marty Williamson of Nisland, SD, John (Alisa) Williamson of Sturgis, SD, Kay (Neill) Unruh of Haviland, KS, and Debbie Boettcher of Vale, SD; 17 grandchildren; 34 great-grandchildren; and his sister, Winnette Nielsen of Fort Collins, CO.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Mildred; his parents, Martin and Nettie Williamson; his brother, William; his sisters, Mildred Joyce and Viola Huber; and his son-in-law, Loren Boettcher.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to a ministry of the donor's choice. Condolences may be sent to the family at www.kinkadefunerals.com.

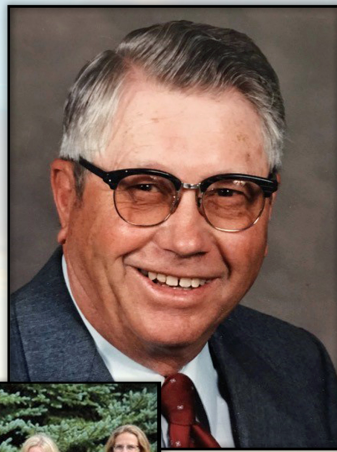


IN LOVING MEMORY

Daryld M. Williamson

July 5, 1919 ~ February 18, 2020

The family invites you to join them for fellowship and lunch in the church hall following the funeral service. We thank you for your presence and condolences.



In Memory Of **Daryld M. Williamson**

Date of Birth

July 5, 1919
Vale, South Dakota

Date of Death

February 18, 2020
Sturgis, South Dakota

Funeral Service

Sunday, March 1, 2020, at 2:00 p.m.
Believers Fellowship
Sturgis, South Dakota

Officiating

Pastor John Williamson

Musician

Audrey Belitz

Musical Selections

Hymn Medley
"Shine On Us"

Pallbearers

Roger Powell Tyler Powell Justin Powell Jason Pickard Nathan Williamson
Chase Williamson Jeremy Logan Andrew Logan Tyrel Boettcher Luke Boettcher

Final Resting Place

Monday, March 2, 2020, at 2:00 p.m.
Bear Butte Cemetery
Sturgis, South Dakota

The family of Daryld Williamson would like to thank each of you for your friendship and love during Daryld's lifetime. The many acts of kindness and compassion that have been extended to our family by friends and neighbors throughout the years has been a blessing far beyond words. We rejoice in the fact that Daryld is with his Heavenly Savior and those that have gone before him.

*Has this world been so kind to you that you should leave with regret?
There are far better things ahead than any we leave behind.*

C.S. Lewis

I have now reached such an advanced age that I might expect the summons to leave you at any time. I have nothing on which to compliment myself. I know I have erred in many things but have tried to do my best. I hope to lay down my pilgrim's staff at peace with both God and man.

I believe our Heavenly Father by grace has forgiven me all my sins, for Christ's sake, who by his blood has paid for all our sins. For this I pray also for all my dear children and grandchildren, that the Lord will be the light of your way in this difficult and turbulent time. May the Lord bless you all. I have not preached to my children or others, but I hope my life has not given you a bad example - and in my secret chamber I have carried you before the throne of grace and I believe the Lord has heard me.

Our Heavenly Father looks not upon the manner of prayer but into the sincerity of the heart as we seek Him in truth and a steadfast faith that we will be heard.

In my long life I have had many trials that were hard to bear.
But the Lord has in a wonderful way strengthened me and led me on when all seemed lost.
Even though I still had my dear children with me.

I give thanks and praise to our Heavenly Father for all his benefits, all his love, and all his goodness.
He will also now look down on me in compassion and take me home to himself.

-William Williamson Sr.