



## Clarence Smit

July 21, 1932 - August 8, 2023

Clarence Smit, 91, of Lennox, SD, passed away August 8, 2023, at the Centerville Care and Rehab Center, Centerville, SD.

Clarence John Smit was born on a farm south of Lennox, SD, to John and Carrie (DeBelts) Smit. He attended Long Creek District #52 rural school and Lennox High School.

On May 29, 1952 he was united in marriage to Frances Meyer at the Delaware Reformed Church parsonage. The couple farmed near Lennox, until moving to Tea in 1957, where Clarence began driving truck for Gamble Robinson. In 1979 they moved to Lennox and Clarence drove truck for U.P.S. He had 4 million miles of accident free driving in his 38 years of driving truck. Wife, Frances passed away on April 8, 2021.

Clarence was an active and faithful member of Second Reformed Church, Lennox, where he has served as a Deacon and Elder. He had also served on the Lennox School board while living in Tea. Clarence enjoyed his grandchildren and great-grand-children, traveling, reading, riding his motorcycle and woodworking. He was devoted husband, father and grandfather who deeply loved his family.

Besides his parents and wife, Clarence was preceded in death by a daughter, Glenda Schrodermeier, a sister, Bunny Armbruster; ex-brother-in-law, Orville Armbruster; brothers-in-law, Kenneth Heeren and Donald Sinning; grandson-in-law, Eddie Zuniga.

Grateful for having shared his life are his children: Gerald Smit, Custer, Gayla

(Mike) Jorgensen, Gillette, WY, Greg (Brenda) Smit, Lennox and son-in-law, Loren Schroedermeier, Harrisburg; 16 grandchildren and 25 great-grandchildren; sister: Doris (Lee) Kirkeby, Dell Rapids and sisters-in-law, Marlene Sinning, Colorado and Harriet Heeren, Sioux Falls and many nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

Services will begin 10:30 a.m. Monday, August 14 at Second Reformed Church, Lennox, SD with burial to follow in the Lennox Cemetery. Visitation, also at Second Reformed Church, with the family present, will be 5 to 7 p.m. Sunday, August 13. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be directed to the Union Gospel Mission or the Center of Hope.

# Tribute Wall

BB

“ Clarence was a great guy. Worked with him at UPS



Billy Beddow - August 13, 2023 at 12:00 AM

AL

“ Our deepest sympathy to all the family 🙏

Arlo and Vonnie Larson - August 12, 2023 at 12:00 AM

MK

“ Sending Prayers to the Family. God Bless!

Marlene Kirkeby - August 10, 2023 at 12:00 AM

KA

“ My sympathies for the passing of Clarence

Kristy Albers - August 10, 2023 at 12:00 AM

AL

“ Our deepest sympathy to all the family 🙏

Arlo and Vonnie Larson - August 09, 2023 at 12:00 AM

PF

“ Your family were very, very good neighbors.

Paul Fett - August 09, 2023 at 12:00 AM