



## Ernest "Ernie" Tammen

October 11, 1937 - December 19, 2019

Ernest "Ernie" Tammen, 82, of Lennox, SD, died Thursday, December 19, 2019 at Sanford USD Medical Center, Sioux Falls, SD.

Ernest George Tammen was born on October 11, 1937 on his family farm northeast of Lennox, SD, the son of Reiner and Jane (Kuper) Tammen. He grew up here and attended Sherman rural school. In 1962 he entered the US Army, serving stateside, as a hospital medic, during the Vietnam war, until his honorable discharge in 1964.

On February 12, 1965 he was united in marriage to Shirley Rudd, at the Ebenezer manse in Lennox. Ernie farmed his entire life, on the same family farm where he was born, northeast of Lennox.

He was a member of the LaValley Presbyterian Church, until it's closure and then became a member of Faith Presbyterian. Most recently he attended Lennox Ebenezer Presbyterian Church. Ernie enjoyed fishing, driving his antique Ford tractor, listening to old country music, live, on the radio, on recordings and on television. He was a fan of the Minnesota Twins and liked the RFD channel. He loved to play the board game, Fast Track with friends, and every night with Shirley. He also attended threshing shows and morning coffee with his friends and neighbors. Most of all, Ernie was a devoted husband, who deeply loved his family.

Besides his parents, Ernie was preceded in death by siblings: Francis Tammen, Gladys Steever and Erma Fossum.

Grateful for having shared his life are his wife of over 54 years, Shirley;

children: Lisa Tammen, Pierre, Dan (Lynn) Tammen, Lennox and Jerry (Rachel) Tammen, Lennox; four grandchildren: Keira Tammen, Addison Tammen, Parker Tammen and Danielyn Tammen; one sister: Mae Ludens, Rochelle, IL, as well as other relatives and a host of friends.

Services will begin at 1:30 p.m. Monday, December 23 at Ebenezer Presbyterian Church, Lennox, SD with burial to follow in the Lennox Cemetery. Visitation, with the family present, will be 2 to 4 p.m. Sunday at Dindot-Klusmann Funeral Home, Lennox.

# Tribute Wall

BL

“ *My greatest sympathy on the passing of Ernie. A wonderful and true gentlemen. He is in a wonderful place and will be missed dearly. May God Bless*



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**Brain Robert Lind** - December 22, 2019 at 12:00 AM

KP

“ *My heart is sad for your loss of Ernie. It is a difficult time, but remember the happy ones you enjoyed with him! Deepest sympathies.*

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**Karen Perry** - December 20, 2019 at 12:00 AM

BL

“ *My Greatest sympathy on the passing of Ernie. God Bless*



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**Brian Lind** - December 20, 2019 at 12:00 AM

SP

“ *So sorry for your loss. My sympathy and prayers are with you. May your memories give you peace.!*

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**Shirley D. Peterson** - December 19, 2019 at 12:00 AM

RO

“ *My sincerest condolences for our lose. Ernie was such a wonderful person.*

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**Ron Olson** - December 19, 2019 at 12:00 AM