



Harlan Temple

December 6, 1943 - December 29, 2024

Harlan Temple, age 81, passed away December 29, 2024, at the Good Samaritan Village, Sioux Falls, SD, under Asera Hospice care. Harlan Keith Temple was born on December 6, 1943, in Lennox, SD, the son of Arleigh P. and Sophie L. (Schmidt) Temple. He grew near Davis, attending Bennett Rural School #89 through the fourth grade. He then attended school at Crippled Children's Hospital and School, Sioux Falls, through his sophomore year in high school and then graduated from Lennox High School in 1963. From childhood, Harlan had a passion for farming, driving tractor and running machinery, working the farm with his Dad. He began his career as an independent insurance agent in February of 1964. Initially his agency was in Lennox and then after 2 years, moved to Davis, until 2010, when Harlan sold the business, and it was relocated back to Lennox. On April 7, 1978, Harlan was united in marriage to Rita C. Bangasser-Weber. The couple made their home east of Davis. Harlan was a lifelong, active and faithful member of Second Reformed Church, Lennox, where he had served as a deacon, elder and Sunday school teacher. He belonged to Gideon's International, Bible studies and the South Dakota Independent Insurance Agents (IIASD). Harlan volunteered with the Davis Winterstock play productions, hospice volunteer and as coach for the United Wolf Pack Special Olympics Team. He worked with the Occupational Therapy students and professors at USD and became a big Coyote fan. Harlan wrote an autobiography titled "The Best is Yet To Be." Harlan was blessed to have had very caring and loving parents who most

importantly, showed him the way to salvation through Jesus Christ. He treasured being with family and friends and liked to laugh, have fun and live life to the fullest. Harlan also enjoyed fishing, hunting, being in God's creation, collecting farm toys (mostly John Deere) and communicating with family and friends via his computer. Harlan was preceded in death by his sister, Joan Temple in 2011, his father Arleigh in 2013 and mother, Sophie in 2014; his brother-in-law, Ervin DeVries in 1993. Grateful for having shared his life are his wife of over 46 years, Rita, sister, Ardyth DeVries, Holland, MI and a host of nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends. Funeral services will begin at 1:30 p.m. Friday, January 3, 2025, at Second Reformed Church, Lennox, SD. Visitation, with the family present, also at Second Reformed Church, will be 5 to 7 p.m. Thursday, with a prayer service at 7:00 p.m. In lieu of flowers, the family requests memorials to the USD Anatomy Dept or the USD Occupational Therapy Dept or the United Wolf Pack Special Olympics Team.

Tribute Wall

RG

“ I met Harlan in 1994 when I moved to SD after getting out of the Air Force. My friend Kay, introduced me to Harlan and his wife. He was so likable, and interesting. I found it fascinating that he was farming while wheel chair bound. He had such a welcoming personality, I felt like I had known him for years. He had some great stories about farming and his childhood. His senses of humor was priceless. I'll never forget him, and so glad our paths crossed.

Russell Gately - March 19, 2025 at 12:00 AM

LL

“ Harlan will be greatly missed by all of us at the American Occupational Therapy Foundation. He and Rita create the Harlan and Rita Temple Endowed Scholarship at AOTF to support occupational therapy students in South Dakota. Each year they held a 5K with students and friends to bolster the scholarship and celebrate the next class of occupational therapy graduates. It was always a pleasure to talk to Harlan about the run, his work on the farm and how much he enjoyed the students at USD. Thank you Harlan for your all your generosity and your wonderfully joyful spirit.

Lawrence Liff - January 07, 2025 at 12:00 AM

MS

“ when i was going Africa and i told you, Every time you see me you will asked me how excited i was going home and we will laugh about it, and i always told you that i will be back, later to know that i wasn't going to meet you here when i get back. I am so sad about it. but this has been your wish that you was ready to go and be with the Lord. May your gentle soul rest in peace



Munah Sterling - January 07, 2025 at 12:00 AM

MJ

“ Harlan was a very sweet man. I remember his Lennox office well. He was nice enough to give me a tour of Dad's old office on a trip home a few years ago. Condolences to the family. God bless.



Mary J Johnson - January 05, 2025 at 12:00 AM

LO

“ A good friend from Day 1 when I met Harlan at Good Sam in 2024. A very good/great person is gone, but not forgotten.

Larry D. Olson and Betty J. Olson - January 05, 2025 at 12:00 AM

MY

“ I enjoyed the time I got to spend visiting with Harlan and Rita at Wolf Pack Special Olympic events!! He will be missed!!



MONICA YANZICK - January 04, 2025 at 12:00 AM

NZ

“ Rita, we were so sorry to hear Harlan had passed away. We met him while visiting my sister Marlene at Good Samaritan. Always enjoyed our conversations. He was such a pleasant person. God bless.

Nancy, Leo & Trent Ziervogel - January 04, 2025 at 12:00 AM

JN

“ Rita, I am so sorry to hear of your loss. Visiting with you & Harlan was always a highlight of my work day and I always appreciate Harlan’s advice about watching the speed limit in Davis! Harlan was upbeat & cheerful, a very special person.

Jane Novotny - January 03, 2025 at 12:00 AM

NZ

“ Rita, we were sorry to hear Harlan has passed away. We met him while visiting my sister Marlene at the nursing home. Always enjoyed visiting with him. He was such a sweet and loving person. Both of you are in our thoughts and prayers. God bless.

Nancy, Leo & Trent Ziervogel - January 03, 2025 at 12:00 AM

SC

“ We meet people in life who just always seem to bring out the best in us. I am fortunate to have met such a soul in Harlan. His light now shines brighter than ever. Love to Rita and to all of Harlan's family. He will be greatly missed until we meet again. ~Sharon



Sharon Carlson - January 03, 2025 at 12:00 AM

RE

“ Harlan always treated our family with respect and a caring attitude and was an inspiration to all. He will be greatly missed.

Rick and Joanne Eppard - January 03, 2025 at 12:00 AM

CM

“ Dear Aunt Rita,
My heart hurts yet rejoices with yours as we say see you soon to Uncle Harlan. You both have always had a special place in my heart. Praying for peace and comfort for you. Sending much love.
Cathy Bangasser McKenna

Cathy Bangasser McKenna - January 03, 2025 at 12:00 AM

DC

“ You are in my thoughts and prayers. Harlan was an inspiration to all. He accomplished so much despite his CP. In Sympathy, Janell

Dr Janell Christiansen - January 03, 2025 at 12:00 AM

RB

“ You will be missed by all friends and family.
Your presence always lit up a room full of people with your kind words and stories.



Robert and Mylene Bangasser - January 02, 2025 at 12:00 AM

JR

“ I'm so sorry to hear Harlan died. I enjoyed getting to know him when working with his sister Joan at achieve, and visiting with him at fairs. He was quite a man!!

Jan Rayburn - January 02, 2025 at 12:00 AM

KB

“ We send our sincere sympathy to Rita & all of Harlan’s family & friends. He lived life to the fullest! It was our pleasure to get to meet him and over the years he always remembered us even when it was once a year! May God’s love and peace sustain you now and forever.

Kathryn Buisker - January 02, 2025 at 12:00 AM

DB

“ We know how much Harlan longed to be with his Good Lord and Savior!! His prayers have been answered!! Now Run, Jump and Dance for the Lord Harlan!! We will miss you, I love you Harry!!!â ĩ,



Doug and Jackie Brende - January 02, 2025 at 12:00 AM

CL

“ We have so many memories of Harlen, but one that sticks out is when Harlen came to Parker Ford to modify his lawn mower so he could mow his lawn. He was so patient with our son, Kyle as they both figured it out together. Always admired his determination in living life to the fullness. Lots of prayers and hugs to his amazing partner. Rita.

curt and jackie lukes - January 02, 2025 at 12:00 AM

PV

“ I knew Harlen farming by our home in Davis. As an insurance man too. He was always positive! In Heaven now he runs free! A nice man

Peg vanasselt - January 02, 2025 at 12:00 AM

PP

“ *Rita our love and prayers for your loss.*

Penny Peters - January 02, 2025 at 12:00 AM

MI

“ *RIP, Harlan, and my condolences to Rita and the family. Harlan was a great friend of occupational therapy. We will miss him.*

Moses N Ikiugu - January 01, 2025 at 12:00 AM

HJ

“ *Our condolences to the Temple family!*



Herman & Joan Janssen - January 01, 2025 at 12:00 AM

SH

“ *My prayers are with you all. I had the privilege as a volunteer at Asera Hospice to be a companion to Harlan. He was such a kind, caring, loving companion to me. I learned so much from him in the short time I was with him. I consider him one of my best friends. I will miss him dearly, but I will always cherish the memories we had. May God bless his soul*

Susan Hofer - January 01, 2025 at 12:00 AM

SE

“ *Sending prayers to the family*

Stephanie and Bailee Earl - January 01, 2025 at 12:00 AM

JB

“ We will miss you Uncle Harlan. You were a good man. â ¤i,



Julia Bangasser - January 01, 2025 at 12:00 AM

JS

“ Harlan was the best! I loved helping him with his computer issues and just talking with him about anything. He will be so missed!



Jess Stratmeyer - January 01, 2025 at 12:00 AM

HW

“ Rita We are so sorry to hear of Harlan's passing. I remember well how many times he told us when he died he was going to dance with the Angels. I know that is what he is doing now. Prayers.

Harlan and Fae Wiebesiek - December 31, 2024 at 12:00 AM

MB

“ Sorry to hear of your loss

Matthew Bultena - December 31, 2024 at 12:00 AM

EB

“ *Sincerest condolences, Aunt Rita. Uncle Harlan will always have a special place in my memories. He was one of a kind! Love to you and the rest of the family. Godspeed, Uncle Harlan!*



EDWARD BANGASSER - December 31, 2024 at 12:00 AM

BL

“ *To the family of Mr. Harlon Temple. A world class person who I admired and respected for his courage, knowledge, and most importantly faith in our lord Jesus Christ. God Bless you sir Will plant a tree in his honor*

Brian Robert Lind - December 31, 2024 at 12:00 AM

SV

“ *Uncle Harlan, you served as a bright light to draw attention to causes that most don't notice. You lived everyday with such positivity and joy that your enthusiasm for life was contagious! I pray for comfort and strength for Aunt Rita. You both continue to be inspirations to others.*

Sharon Bangasser Vehrs - December 31, 2024 at 12:00 AM

LS

“ *My deepest sympathy to Rita and all who mourn the loss of this wonderful man.*

May he Rest In Peace,

Lisle Stabrawa



Lisle Stabrawa - December 31, 2024 at 12:00 AM

EF

“ *Our love is with you Aunt Rita.*”



Elizabeth Bangasser Childers and Family - December 31, 2024 at 12:00 AM

KA

“ *Harlan will be missed dearly by so many*”

Karen Ackerman - December 31, 2024 at 12:00 AM