



Harven Brass

July 31, 1923 - February 10, 2023

Harven Brass, age 99, of Lennox, SD, passed away on February 10, 2023 at the Good Samaritan Luther Manor, Sioux Falls, SD.

Harven Brass was born on July 31, 1923 on a farm near Lennox, SD, the son of Ehme and Grace (Knock) Brass. He grew up northeast of Lennox and rode his horse, Dan, to Bedford rural school, while carrying his tuba.

On August 25, 1943, he was united in marriage to Irene Hoek at the Ebenezer manse in Lennox. The couple farmed north of Chancellor until 1950 when they moved to their family farm east of Lennox. Harven was a farmer who also milked cows twice a day for 42 years.

Harven was an active and faithful member of Lennox Ebenezer Presbyterian Church where he had served as Trustee. He was a lover of old-time music, polka, Gospel quartets and country music and could sometimes be heard singing from the barn. Harven and Irene enjoyed many types of dancing including ballroom and square dancing. They belonged to various dancing clubs and would visit out-of-town dance clubs when traveling. The couple also loved to play cards and attend and host card parties. Harven especially enjoyed teaching and playing card games with his grandchildren. Harven was a devoted husband, father and grandfather, who deeply loved his family. His wife, Irene, passed away on October 15, 2004.

Besides his parents and wife, Harven was preceded in death by two sisters: Annie at age 3, Caroline Abbas and step-brother, Eugene Cockrell.

Grateful for having shared his life are his children: Loretta Tonak, Sheridan,

WY and Lorin (Mary) Brass, Lennox; grandchildren: Ben Tonak, Lakewood, CO, Rebecca (Lekan) Ajayi, Springdale, AR, Tim Tonak, Sundance, WY, Katherine (Brian) Shephard, Falcon Heights, MN, Jennifer (Adam) Brand, Oklahoma City, OK and Mary Grace Brass (David Ording) Brooklyn, NY; seven great-grandchildren; one half brother, Ehme Brass, Jr, South Carolina; special friend, Delores Olson, Sioux Falls, as well a host of other relatives and friends.

Services will begin at 1:30 p.m. Friday, February 17 at Lennox Ebenezer Presbyterian Church with live streaming via the church website. Visitation, also at Lennox Ebenezer Presbyterian Church, with the family present, will be 5 to 7 p.m. Thursday.

Tribute Wall

MA

“ Dear Lorin, Mary, Loretta and all family. My deepest condolences in the death of your father. Please know you are all in my heart and prayers.
Mary Avair

Mary Avair - March 07, 2023 at 12:00 AM

JW

“ My heart is with your family in this time of joy for his homecoming, but sadness in his homeleaving.

Jean Warren - February 20, 2023 at 12:00 AM

JA

“ Lorin, Loretta, and all your families, I’m so sorry for your loss, and you all have my deepest sympathies. I always enjoyed visiting with Harven. Everyone who knew him will cherish their memories.

Julie Archer - February 20, 2023 at 12:00 AM

CF

“ Loretta and family,
I am thinking of you all and lifting you in prayer as you celebrate your father, grandfather and great grandfather’s amazing life. What an inspiration. May peace and comfort be with you. Love,
Carol Farver

Carol Farver - February 19, 2023 at 12:00 AM

RH

“ God bless your family.

Robin Humphrey - February 19, 2023 at 12:00 AM

JS

“ *Condolences,
Always Trust in The Lord with all your heart.*

Jeremy S - February 16, 2023 at 12:00 AM

TK

“ *Lorin and Mary.....our thoughts and prayers go out to you and your family. What an amazing life lived. May your family enjoy the celebration of your father's life.*

*Sincerely,
Todd*

Todd Kenner - February 14, 2023 at 12:00 AM

LS

“ *Lorin and Loretta,
Our deepest sympathy in the loss of your Dad. Our thoughts and prayers are with you all.*

Lena & Tom Sanderson

Lena Sanderson - February 14, 2023 at 12:00 AM

CR

“ *We have not made ourselves; we are the gift of the living God to one another.
Renie Duell Bethany
Through God's grace we realize there are no final goodbyes. God be with you as you send your father to God's care.*



Charles and Theresa Rausch - February 13, 2023 at 12:00 AM

BL

“ *To the Brass Family. Such a wonderful man who will truly be missed. I enjoyed visiting with him and always remember him for his kind words. Bless your soul sir*

Brian Robert Lind - February 12, 2023 at 12:00 AM

AL

“ *Our deepest sympathy to all the family*

Arlo & Vonnie Larson - February 12, 2023 at 12:00 AM