



Lawrence Weeldreyer

August 12, 1916 - July 4, 2014

Lawrence E. Weeldreyer, 97, of Chancellor, SD, died Friday, July 4, 2014 at the Avera Dougherty Hospice House, Sioux Falls, SD. He was born on August 12, 1916 at Chancellor, SD the son of Herman J. and Flora (DeNeui) Weeldreyer. He attended Chancellor and rural schools, graduating from Chancellor High School in 1934. He worked as a mechanic in Leadville, CO, Lennox and Tea. Lawrence married Christena Peters in Chancellor in 1942. They had three sons and lived on a farm near Chancellor, where they farmed and raised registered Hereford cattle. Lawrence also drove the township road grader/snow plow and sold insurance for Turner County Mutual and DeSmet Farm Mutual for many years. He served on the local school board, the county ASCS committee, county Soil Conservation board, was a 4H Leader and served as the Turner County 4H Beef Superintendent as well as many positions at the Chancellor Baptist Church. After the death of his wife Christena in 1959, Lawrence married Minnie Peters in 1963. After her death in 1969, he married Virginia Wingate in 1971. They moved to Chancellor in 1977 and to Trailridge Retirement Center in 2009. Virginia died in 2010. Besides his parents and three wives, Lawrence was preceded in death by a son Paul in 2003 and siblings: Alvin, Carl, Walter, Herman, George, Johanna Wagner, Louise Rehling, Ruth McKinney and Edith Weeldreyer. Lawrence is survived by two sons: Philip L. (Mary), Chancellor and Steven L. (Mary), Appleton, WI; daughter-in-law, Patricia Weeldreyer, Pierre; 7 grandchildren; Paula Weeldreyer and John (Sarah Speck) Weeldreyer, Pierre, Tami (Kelly) Bittner

and Marcus (Charish) Weeldreyer, Chancellor, Michael (Sarah) Weeldreyer, Arlington, VA, Ellen (Patrick) Reid and Kathleen (Bill) Jarecki, Milwaukee, WI; 11 great-grandchildren: Steven, Lawson, Elsie, Maxwell and Sullivan Weeldreyer, Jaxson and Charley Bittner, Mary and Molly Reid and Anne-Renee and Violet Speck, three step-children: Wayne (Nomi) Wingate, Lincoln, NE, Tom (Linda) Wingate, Brandon and Betsy (Mike) Kemper, Arkansas; six step-grandchildren and several step-great-grandchildren; one sister, Hermine Leslie, Sioux Falls. sisters-in-law: Loretta Weeldreyer, Mitchell and Esther Jackson, Sioux Falls. Services will begin at 1:30 p.m. Saturday, July 12 at First Baptist Church, Chancellor. Visitation will begin at noon Friday with the family present from 7 to 8 p.m. at Dindot-Klusmann Funeral Home, Lennox.

Tribute Wall

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“ I have many fond memories of Grandpa Lawrence. We had so many fun times with Grandma Virginia and Grandpa Lawrence at their home in Chancellor as well as at the Turner County Fair. He was a kind and caring man and will be greatly missed.

Matt

Matt and Katy Wingate - July 12, 2014 at 12:00 AM

JB

“ Sorry to hear of the passing of Lawrence. It has been awhile but always had pleasant conversations over coffee when we met in Chancellor.

Jerald Buseman - July 05, 2014 at 12:00 AM