



## Luverne Mechels

August 9, 1934 - October 26, 2015

Luverne Mechels, 81, of Sioux Falls, SD, died Monday, October 26, 2015 at the Sanford Centennial Hospice Cottage, Sioux Falls. Luverne Henry Mechels was born August 9, 1934, on a farm north of Chancellor, SD, the son of Ben and Tena (Kuper) Mechels. He grew up there and attended rural school. On October 7, 1955 he married Audrey Weeldreyer at the First Baptist Church, Chancellor. The couple lived in Willow Lake, SD for several years before moving back to Chancellor to farm. They later moved into Sioux Falls.

Luverne worked for Farmers Oil Cooperative in Chancellor for over 28 years. He also worked for the Pioneer Seed Co. for several years. Always a farmer at heart, Luverne loved to help Lloyd Poppens with planting in the spring and harvest in the fall. Luverne attended First Baptist Church, Chancellor. He was a devoted Minnesota Twins and Vikings fan. He enjoyed woodworking, making toys for his grandchildren and great-grandchildren. He also liked to hunt deer, play cards with friends and collect caps. Besides his parents, Luverne was preceded in death by two brothers: Marvin in 1955 and George in 2011; grandson Chad Mechels in 2009 and brother-in-law, Richard Winesburg in 2002. Grateful for having shared his life are his wife of 60 years, Audrey; children: Darwin (Sandy) Mechels, Sioux Falls and Debbie (Greg) Johnson, Omaha; his grandchildren: Chastity (Lee) Crowell, Candra (Adam) Calhoon, Jamie (Steven) Mechels-Rowe, Jessica Johnson and Justin Johnson; great-grandchildren: Caelan, Corey, Caine, Aizack, Anna, Alexander, Ainsley, Avery, Thomas, Cameron and Theo; sisters: Lois (Rev.

George) Buchin, Baxter, MN and Betty Winesburg, Hartford; sister-in-law Annis Mechels, Chancellor and many other relatives and friends. Services will begin 1:00 p.m., Friday, October, 30 at First Baptist Church, Chancellor, SD with burial to follow in the Germantown Cemetery, rural Chancellor. Visitation also at First Baptist Church will be from 5 to 7 p.m. Thursday.

# Tribute Wall

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“ You are in our thoughts and prayers as you celebrate the life of your loved one. My you find comfort knowing that others care and share your sorrow, and that we will see our loved ones again one day.

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**Randy & Debra (Minkel) Petersen** - October 28, 2015 at 12:00 AM