



## Merlin Biesheuvel

August 6, 1932 - January 17, 2017

Merlin Biesheuvel, 84, of Sioux Falls, SD, died Tuesday, January 17, 2017 at the Sanford Centennial Hospice Cottage, Sioux Falls. Merlin Ardell Biesheuvel was born on August 6, 1932, on a farm near Corsica, SD, the son of Neil and Nellie (Hoekman) Biesheuvel. He grew up and attended rural school in this area. He served in the US Army from January of 1953 during the Korean War, stationed in Germany, until his honorable discharge in December of 1954. On January 8, 1953 he married Edna Serr at Delmont, SD. Following their marriage they lived in Wisconsin for four years and moved to the Mitchell area in 1961. Merlin farmed from 1961 until 1967. The couple moved to Sioux Falls in 1967 and he began work as a heavy equipment operator for the SD Highway Department. He retired in October of 1992. After retirement he worked at Sunshine Foods from 1992 until 1997 and then Lennox True Value for several years. He was also the grounds keeper for the Misty Glen development. Edna died on July 16, 2011. Merlin was a member of First Reformed Church in Sioux Falls, where he served as a Deacon, Elder and Youth Group Leader. Merlin enjoyed yard work and collecting toy tractors. Edna and Merlin enjoyed taking bus tours of sites around the country. Besides his parents and wife, Edna, Merlin was preceded in death by one brother Gene. Grateful for having shared his life are his children: David (Leanne) Biesheuvel, Georgetown, Texas and Debbie (Kent) Herrboldt, Chancellor; five grandchildren: Carmen (Mike) Law, Leslie (Eric) Varnon, Bradley (Dana) Biesheuvel, Jason (Savanna) Herrboldt and Jessica Herrboldt; ten great-

grandchildren; sisters: Donna Van Ekeren, Sioux Falls and Charlene (Pete) Van Den Oever, Lennox; plus nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends. Services will begin at 10:00 a.m. Saturday, January 21, at First Reformed Church, 4800 S. Tomar Rd., Sioux Falls. SD with burial to follow at the Hills of Rest Memorial Park, Sioux Falls. Visitation with the family present will be 5 to 7 p.m. Friday, at Heritage Funeral Home, Sioux Falls. In lieu of flowers, memorials to charity are requested.

# Tribute Wall

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“ So sorry for your loss. Our hearts and thoughts are with you all. Hang in there.

Tim and Cheri Fodness - January 19, 2017 at 12:00 AM

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“ Prayers in Progress for Merlin's family and friends. We enjoyed Merlin in Misty Glen very much. Keep him in your hearts with Cherished Moments and Treasured Memories. He was a very special man.

Roger and Jo Preheim - January 19, 2017 at 12:00 AM

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“ My sincere sympathy to the family and friends of Merlin. The loss of our dear loved ones can be very difficult and distressing to cope with. True comfort comes in knowing that Jehovah ( Psalm 83 : 18 - God's name ) is not the cause of our pain, suffering and death, Hebrews 2 : 14 tells us the source. May you be comforted in knowing that Jehovah hates death ( 1 Corinthian 15 : 26 ) and promises to eliminate death forever and bring ones sleeping in death back to life on a cleansed earth. ( John 17 : 3; Isaiah 25 : 7,8; Revelation 21 : 3-5; Acts 24 : 15; Psalms 37 : 10,11, 29 ). Also, may your own good and loving memories of Merlin help to soothe your hearts, as we remember that our dear loved ones now safely rest in the loving memory of our Grand Creator, Jehovah God, waiting for the fulfillment of His promised purpose for us all. Sincerely

Ginger - January 19, 2017 at 12:00 AM

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“ Debby, your in my thoughts and prayers at this time

Kristy Albers - January 18, 2017 at 12:00 AM