



Lyle A Bleeker

April 5, 1930 - January 5, 2025

Lyle Bleeker passed away on January 5, 2025. He was born April 5, 1930 on a farm just outside Castlewood SD. He had a wonderful childhood with 40 cousins within walking distance and surrounded by family farms. He is survived by his 3 daughters Julie, Sherie (Mark), and Leisa. He will be greatly missed by his grandchildren Austin (Ella), Hanna, Seth (Erika), Emily (Jon), Lauren, Alex (Alan), Sam (Olivia), Savannah, and Taylor (Brooke). Lyle was blessed with 5 great grandchildren Miles, Finleigh, Kinsley, Margo and Isabelle.

Lyle was a committed and loving husband to his wife Marlene for 61 years. They shared a full and long life together. In the later years he cared for her with great love, kindness, and patience until she died in 2020. Lyle loved and encouraged his daughters and greatly enjoyed spending time with his grandchildren and great grandchildren.

Lyle loved his Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. He showed this by his involvement and support of Grace Church from 1961 onward. He has been a steady, faithful example to our family and many others.

Lyle loved so many things - traveling, volunteering, family history, artistic endeavors, friends, singing and playing guitar, soup making, gardening, and serving at his church. He was a talented, creative artist and his home was full of stain glass work, carvings and furniture often made of his favorite wood, walnut! He enjoyed his coffee outdoors every afternoon, communing with nature and his Heavenly Father. Lyle was helpful and generous, an intentional steward of money, dependable, handy and hardworking. Living on a farm taught him to repair or make an item without purchasing a thing! He greatly enjoyed his career as a talented engineer at 3M.

We remember his love and support of family and friends, his gentleness, his thankful spirit, his patience, his genuine interest in others and his ability to listen intently.

Although his last few years had become progressively more difficult, it continued to be a privilege to spend time with him. He was greatly loved.

We rest in this assurance from God's word:

Yet I am always with You;

You hold me by my right hand.

You guide me with Your counsel,

and afterward You will take me into glory.

Psalms 73:23,24

Tribute Wall



“ Lyle contacted me about 20 years ago to tell me that we were related--his grandma was a sister of my grandpa--Schaaps they were, as I am. Lyle was a unique blessing for me because he knew all kinds of old stories that helped me understand my (and his) lineage. I hadn't spoken to him in a few years, but he and one of his daughters would annually make a trip down to Iowa for a scholarship banquet at Dordt University. Invariably, he'd stop at our place and share more old pictures. What a warm and wonderful man. I'm proud to name him as a cousin, no matter how far "removed." Blessings to all of his wonderful and beloved family.

James Schaap - January 16, 2025 at 09:09 PM



“ Lyle was a valuable bass in the 3M Male Chorus and Mellow Fellows for decades. We loved his singing and great sense of humor. On a cruise some other passengers thought Lyle and Marlene were our parents even though we were just 10 years younger. After that my wife and I called them mom and dad. A delightful person. May he rest in peace.
John Winters

John C. Winters - January 11, 2025 at 05:03 PM