

July 10, 2010

The Life of Keith Cutler

- The funeral for Keith Cutler, 87, will be held 2 p.m. on Saturday, July 10, 2010, at the Claremont United Methodist Church. The Rev. Nancy Manning will officiate.
- Burial will follow in the Groton Union Cemetery.
- Keith died Wednesday, July 7, 2010, at Bethesda Home of Aberdeen.
- Keith Wayne Cutler was born April 11, 1923, in Aberdeen to Howard and Sybil (Bibler) Cutler. He was raised on the family farm near Claremont and attended rural Brown County schools. He graduated from Claremont High School in 1941 and continued his education at SDSU in Brookings. He and his brother, Dale, assisted their father on the farm while two other brothers served in the military.



- On Jan. 26, 1947, he married Kathryn Patricia Olson in Langford. They lived for a few months on the Cutler family farm until the house was ready at their farm on the west edge of Claremont. They have lived and farmed there since that time. In recent years, Keith turned over most of the day-to-day operation of the farm to his sons, yet remained active as much as possible, right up to this year.
- Keith was a lifetime member of the Claremont United Methodist Church. Over the years, he served in nearly every office, and was in leadership roles during the building of the new church, as well as burning the mortgage. He served for 30 years on the school board, first for the Claremont District, and after the reorganization with the Langford District. He was an avid reader and encouraged young people to hone their map skills and know their geography. Conservation and nature were also high on Keith's agenda, and he could identify any native trees by their leaves. Keith was a member of the Claremont Sportsman's Club and enjoyed hunting, especially teaching his four sons the sport. He was a founding member of the Northern Grain Elevator in Claremont.
- Keith loved baseball. He was an excellent short stop, and continued his love for

the game after an accident made it difficult for him to play. He continued to contribute to the sport by serving as a commissioner for S.D. Amateur Baseball for 41 years, was a board member for the S.D. Amateur Baseball Hall of Fame, and was inducted into the Hall of Fame in 1992. He enjoyed sharing his love of the game with others. For many years, Keith organized trips for handicapped youth to attend Minnesota Twins games.

• Grateful for having shared his life are his wife of 63 years, Kathryn Cutler, Claremont; four sons: Steve (Joni) Cutler, Sioux Falls, Sherm (Nancy) Cutler, Claremont, Curt (Nancy) Cutler, Sioux Falls, Frank (Marsha) Cutler, Platte; 12 grandchildren: Jennifer (Joe) Gustafson, Shanda Cutler, Natalie Holland, Rachel Cooke, Abi Cooke, Suzi Cooke, Colin (Lacey) Cutler, Adam Cutler, Anna Cutler, Alex Cutler, Chelsea Cutler, Keith Cutler; five great-grandchildren; three brothers: Dale Cutler, Mina; Verl (Mary) Cutler, Claremont; Lyle (Joan) Cutler, Claremont; and two sisters: Ann (Ronnie) Carver, Marshall, Minn., and Mary Lynn (Bill) James, Houghton.

- Preceding him in death were his parents.