

July 21, 2006

Leonard "Butch" Eikamp

- Funeral services for Leonard "Butch" Eikamp, Jr., 60, will be 10:30 a.m., Friday, July 21st at Emmanuel Lutheran Church, Groton. Pastor Elizabeth Johnson will officiate. Burial is set for 3 p.m. at Skudesness Lutheran Cemetery, rural Pierpont, under the direction of Paetznick-Garness Funeral Chapel, Groton.
- Butch died July 18, 2006 due to injuries sustained in a motor vehicle accident
- Leonard Eikamp, Jr. was born on March 18, 1946 in Britton, South Dakota to Leonard and Myrtle (Severson) Eikamp. He graduated from Pierpont High School in 1964. On November 20, 1966 he



united in marriage with Melinda Boe at Skudesness Lutheran Church. After receiving his Bachelors degree in Music Education in 1968 from Northern State College, he began teaching music in the Groton School System. While teaching he obtained his Masters in Music Education in 1974 from the University of Northern Colorado. Butch retired from teaching in 1979 and began working for S & S Lumber Company in Groton. He later became self-employed and built several homes in the area. Butch was employed as a claims adjuster for De Smet Farm Mutual Insurance Company at the time of his death.

- Butch was a member of Emmanuel Lutheran Church, Groton and a former member of the Groton School Board, Band Masters Association, Kiwanis and Church Council. He also served as Director of the Hand Bell Choir at St. John's Lutheran Church for several years. Butch enjoyed hunting, fishing, golf, music and spending time with family and friends. He had a love for animals and leaves behind a new puppy, Daisy and family cat, Buzz.
- Grateful for having shared in his life is his wife, Melinda of Groton; two daughters, Christine Doeden and her husband Troy of Beresford, Jill Eikamp and friend Paul McCorkle of Kansas City, Missouri; four grandchildren, Sophie, Oliver, Grace and Audrey Doeden; his parents, Leonard and Myrtle Eikamp of Britton; his sister, Judith Bergeland of Minneapolis, Minnesota; and twenty nieces and nephews.
- Preceding him in death were his grandparents, Conrad and Sarah Severson, Bertha Eikamp and Fred and Mae Eikamp and his nephew, Dustin Anderson.
- Casketbearers will be Rodney Eikamp, Curtis Eikamp, Kevin Eikamp, Merle Walter, Robert Wegner, David Kampa, Ron Falk, Gerald Larson and Rodney Boehmer.
- Honorary Casketbearers will be all of Butch's friends.

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His funeral was Friday, July 21, 2006 at Emmanuel Lutheran Church, Groton, with Pastor Elizabeth Johnson officiating. Burial was at Skudesness Lutheran Cemetery, rural Pierpont, with Paetznick-Garner Funeral Chapel, Groton, in charge of arrangements. There was a prayer service Thursday evening.

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