

Alred Edward "Ed" Phillips Jr.

Memorial service for Alred Edward "Ed" Phillips, Jr., 75, Groton, will be 2pm Tuesday, November 2, 2004, at Schriver's Memorial Mortuary & Crematory, with Pastor Rodney Ulmer officiating.

Ed passed away Friday, October 29, 2004, at his home.

Alred Edward Phillips was born July 18, 1929, to Alred Edward and Gladys Elva (Rogers) Phillips in Ellendale, ND. He attended school in Ellendale and then entered the United States Army and was stationed in Germany. After his discharge, he returned to the Aberdeen area, where Ed worked on a farm South of Aberdeen.

Ed married Dorothy Kraft in LaMoure, ND, and made their home on a farm in the Warner area. They later moved to Aberdeen where he was employed with Pepsi Cola for 10 years. Ed then opened and operated his own auto repair shop in Aberdeen.

He married Vicki Zoellner, April 22, 1978, in Brookings, SD, and made their home in the Groton area where he started his salvage yard business.



He loved auto racing and especially watching his son, Jim, race in the area.

He was a gifted auto mechanic, who could diagnose and repair your mechanical problem, and give you the value of the vehicle. He loved his grandkids and was very interested in their lives. Years ago, he also enjoyed hunting.

Ed spent many hours in his office and watched as his friends and neighbors drove by. He could tell by the honk of the horn, who was driving by. He all ways had the coffee pot on, and shared many cups with his friends.

Preceding in death are his parents, one brother, and one half sister.

Grateful for having shared his life is his wife, Vicki of Groton, one daughter, Patricia Ringgenberg of Aberdeen, three sons, John (Lana) Phillips of Aberdeen, Jerry (Kathy) Phillips of Sioux Falls, and Jim (Lynn) Phillips of Watertown, ten grandchildren and six great grandchildren.

Ed requested 50 pies for the freezer this winter and his wife had help getting them made, so we are serving the pies and coffee following the service at Schriver's Memorial Fellowship Center.