

Clarence Shilhanek



- The funeral for Clarence "Slim" Shilhanek will be 10:30 a.m. Monday, April 19, 2004 at the United Methodist Church of Claremont, SD with Pastor Annie Tieszen officiating. Burial will be in the Sunset Memorial Gardens of Aberdeen, SD, under the direction of the Price Funeral Chapel of Britton.
- A prayer service is scheduled for 7:00 p.m. Sunday at the funeral chapel. Visitation will be from 2-7 p.m. Sunday at the funeral chapel, and one hour preceding the funeral at the church on Monday.
- Mr. Shilhanek died Thursday, April 15, 2004 at Strand-Kjorsvig Home in Roslyn, SD at the age of 91.
- Clarence William Shilhanek was born June 27, 1912 on the family farm near Hecla, SD to William and Anna (Frazier)

Shilhanek. As a youngster, he grew up there and attended rural Brown County schools.

- He married Bessie Alice Vietmeier on April 7, 1938 in Aberdeen. He worked for Claremont and Hecla area farmers for over 31 years. He also worked as a carpenter for a few years, and he and Bessie worked for the Claremont School before it closed. Slim drove bus and did janitorial work, both for Claremont and later for the Langford School. In the late 1980's, they moved to Eden, SD and remained there until moving to Spruce Court in Britton in September of 2000. Bessie died January 19, 2001. Slim remained at Spruce Court until the past few months. He became a resident of Strand-Kjorsvig on April 1, 2004.

- Slim was a member of the Claremont United Methodist Church. He loved to fish, feed birds and visit with his many friends. He and Bessie had a cabin on Roy Lake, that they enjoyed for over 40 years together.

- Slim is survived by one son: Robert "Bruce" (Julie) Shilhanek of Groton; two daughters: Ruby (Don) Jensen of Eden, SD and Ramona (Stan) Kvidera of Lake City, SD; 10 grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren; a brother: Rueben (Wanda) Shilhanek of Stanfield, Oregon and a sister: Myrtle Williford of Fort Worth, Texas. He was preceded in death by his parents, his wife, four brothers, three sisters and a great-grandchild.

- Music for the funeral will be presented by Joan Thompson, organist; Yvonne Gibbs, pianist and Terry Price, soloist. Casketbearers will be Rocky Shilhanek, Shayne Shilhanek, Bill Shilhanek, Mike Shilhanek, Ron Nehls, Todd Willson, Paul Steiner and Bob Jandel. Honorary Casketbearers will be Delwyn Tisher, Bob Nehls, Delbert Deutsch, Don Heitmann, Laverne Storley, Don Hinrichs, The Charlie Hanson Family, and all of Slim's Roy Lake Friends.