

The Life of Wally Fischer

Memorial services for Wally Fischer, 78, of Aberdeen, SD and formerly of Groton, SD, will be 11:00am, Monday, August 27, 2018, at Aberdeen First Assembly of God Church, with Pastor Gary Wileman officiating. Military honors by Sidney L. Smith American Legion Post 24. Burial at Groton Union Cemetery, Groton, SD. Wally Fischer passed away peacefully Wednesday, August 15, 2018, at his home with his wife, Darlene by his side.

Visitation will be 3:00-7:00pm, Sunday, with family present from 5:00-7:00pm, followed by a prayer service at 7:00pm at Spitzer-Miller Funeral Home, 1111 South Main Street.

Waldemar "Wally" Fischer was born in Nati Donsik, Russia, on June 10, 1940, to Olga (Pollack) Fischer. Communist occupation forced Wally and his family to flee Russia and go to Germany to 1943. They lived in Germany until 1950, when they immigrated to the United States. Wally and his family lived and farmed in the Bowdle, SD area. Wally attended different area country schools, graduating from Hoven High School in 1960. Wally attended Moulter Barber College in Fargo, ND. After graduating, he began working for Stroh's Barber Shop in Groton, SD. He was drafted by the Army in 1963 and spent time in Germany. After being honorably discharged in 1965, Wally returned to Groton. Wally served in the Active Reserve in Aberdeen from 1965 to July 31, 1969.



Wally bought the barber shop from Gottlieb Stroh. Wally enjoyed his work and his customers. His favorite motto was, "I NEED YOUR HEAD TO GET AHEAD." Wally continually thanked the Lord that he was able to come to the United States. He always said, "It is still a land of opportunity. If a person wants to put in an honest day's work, you can get ahead."

Wally married Darlene Hein on August 18, 1973. With their union, Wally happily became a father to Darlene's two sons. As a family, they enjoyed many vacations and family events together.

Wally continued to run the barber shop until December 2011, serving the Groton area as their barber for 50 years. Wally and Darlene moved to Arbor Springs 55 Plus Community Apartments in Aberdeen, SD in June 2012.

Wally was proud and honored to be a member of the American Legion in Groton for over 50 years. He also enjoyed golfing, hunting and living life to the fullest.

Blessed to have shared Wally's life are his wife of 45 years, Darlene; daughter-in-law, Tammy Hein of Laredo, TX; five grandchildren: Kelle, Jr. (Colby) Hein of Cameron, NC, Kalen (Brandi) Hein of Shreveport, LA, Kyla Hein of Houston, TX, Kiery (Alejandro) Saldivar of Laredo, TX, Kesha Hein of Austin, TX; five great-grandchildren; brothers: Hal Fischer of Tolstoy, SD, Victor (Mary) Fischer of Bowdle, SD, and many nieces and nephews.

Preceding Wally in death are his parents, John and Olga Fischer, sons Kelle Hein, and Kent Hein, an infant sister and brother.

Wally's family wishes to acknowledge and thank the wonderful staff of Prairie Heights (Manor Care), homecare and hospice staff for their kind and caring support.