

The Life of Douglas Roettele



The funeral service for Douglas "Doug" Roettele, 61, Columbia, SD was held, Thursday, April 9, 2015 at Northern Plains Baptist Church, Aberdeen. Pastor Neil Hannahs officiated. Burial followed at Sunset Memorial Gardens. Doug died Saturday, April 4, 2015 at his home after a long courageous battle with Leukemia.

Douglas P. Roettele, son of Roland "Jim" and Jean (Quam) Roettele was born on February 15, 1954 in Aberdeen, SD. He was raised on the family farm near Columbia. Doug attended school in Columbia and went on to graduate from Groton High School. He then enrolled at Lake Area Technical Institute in Watertown, SD where he earned a degree in diesel mechanics.

Doug was united in marriage to Sheila Sieler on May 31, 1974 at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Aberdeen. The couple made their home in Huron, SD for several years where Doug was employed with Beadle County Equipment as a diesel mechanic. They later returned and began making their home on the family farm.

Doug loved his life on the farm. He enjoyed working on his machinery, raising cattle, growing crops, and working side by side with his family. In his free time Doug enjoyed fishing, hunting, drag races, riding motorcycle, and trap shooting. He also served on the Columbia Township Board. Doug's greatest joy came from the time he was able to spend with his family, especially his grandchildren.

Grateful for having shared Doug's life are his wife Sheila Roettele, Columbia; two sons, Cody Roettele, Columbia and Christopher (Audra) Roettele, Aberdeen; two grandchildren, Alivia and Bennett Roettele; parents, Roland "Jim" and Jean Roettele and two sisters, Pat (Roger) Lewno and Nita (Jerry) Weideman.

Doug was preceded in death by his maternal and paternal grandparents and one brother Richard "Rick" Roettele.