

March 15, 2005

Obit: Hurst E. Williams

- Funeral services for Hurst E. Williams, 85, Aberdeen, formerly of Brentford, are 10:30 am Wednesday, March 16, 2005 at Brentford UCC Congregational Church, Rev. Jon Damaska officiating. Burial following at Sunset Memorial Gardens. Mr. Williams died Sunday, March 13, 2005 at Bethesda Home, Aberdeen.
- Visitation: 1-7:30 pm, Tuesday at Spitzer Funeral Home, Aberdeen, with a prayer service at 7:30 pm and Masonic Rites at 8:30 pm.



- Hurst Edwin Williams was born September 11, 1919, in Aberdeen, to Lyle and Edith (Hurst) Williams. He graduated from Brentford High School in 1938. He attended Northern State College for two years, then began farming with his father.
- On June 24, 1943, he married Mildred "Millie" Eunice Dunker on her family farm near Stratford.
- Hurst farmed in the Brentford area until his retirement. The family farm is now on the fourth generation of Williams. He used his musical talent playing piano and organ by ear and singing for many events. Hurst was organist for the Northwestern Snow Queen contest for over 40 years and for Grand Lodge of South Dakota over 20 years. He was a member of the Brentford Congregational United Church of Christ and for many years directed the choir, sang, was church organist, held leadership positions & was involved in Prairie Lake Association. Hurst was also a member of the Plains Lions Club, Brentford Masonic Lodge, Order of the Eastern Star, Scottish Rite, and the Yeldez Shrine. He was an Honorary Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of South Dakota and a long-time member of the Shrine Chanters. Hurst was a faithful fan of Brentford & Northwestern school activities and befriended many elderly neighbors.
- He is survived by his loving wife Millie and children Dan (Snow) Williams, Atlanta, GA, Pam (Donald) Kettering, Yankton, SD, Max (Heidi) Williams, Brentford, SD, and Tas (Paul) Tellinghuisen, Sioux Falls, SD; six grandchildren: Derek Williams, Devin Williams, Lance (Candie) Kettering, Heather Kettering, Colin (Meagan) Williams, and Jenna Williams; four great grandchildren: Jessica Jennings, Amber Kettering, Hunter Jeschke, and Maddie Williams; and many nephews and nieces.
- He is preceded in death by his parents and sister Joy Solinsky.