Andrew G. Van Zee was born on October 28, 1932 to Gerrit and Hattie (DeLange) Van Zee at their home in Harrison, SD. He attended New Holland Christian Grade School through the eighth grade. On April 15, 1952 Andy was united in marriage to Eileen Ligtenberg at the Christian Reformed Church in Corsica, SD. To this union five children were born: Judy, Jerry, Linda, Lori and Lisa.

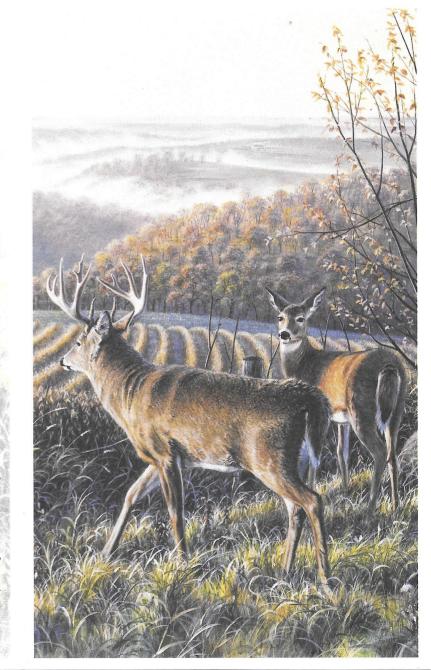
Andy had many endeavors – first, farming with his father-inlaw, operating a Plaster Factory, then a Plastic Factory in Platte, SD where he produced souvenirs along with other figurines that were sold at gift shops at Mount Rushmore, Yellow Stone National Park and in the surrounding areas and states. He then began raising cattle, which was the love of his life. He also had an orchard and market in Illinois.

Those that knew him always said he could sell snow to an Eskimo! Andy was also a cattle buyer for many years. He was quite a hunter and had many mounted trophies to show for it.

Andrew G. Van Zee, 85, of Platte, SD passed away Friday, May 4, 2018 in Grafton, IL.

Grateful for having shared in Andy's life: his wife of 66 years, Eileen Van Zee of Platte, SD; four children, 14 grandchildren and 28 great grandchildren: Judy (Harley) Sprik of Platte, SD parents of: Tamara (John) Trammel – Tyler, Troy (Kristina) Sprik – Trevor, Brady, Halle and Hayden, Kimlyn (Brent) Powers - Samantha and Jeremiah, Andree (Gabriel) Lira – Avery and Abigail; Jerry (Betty) Van Zee of Platte, SD parents of: Jessica (Troy) Rempfer - Tayla and Tayden, Buck (April) Van Zee - Bane, Bennet, Tucker and Shaylene, Sean (Maria) Van Zee, Jacque (Eric) Summerville – Grace and Riley; Linda (Joel) Olivier of Presho, SD parents of: Cody Olivier - Lane and Abigail, Clay Olivier - Chesney and Quincy, Charis (Tyrell) Bischoff - Oakley and Cinch; Lisa (Robert) Creasey of Geddes, SD parents of: Bailey Creasey - Riley; son-in-law, Doug Dyk and wife, Roxane of Platte, SD parents of: Travis (Farrah) Dyk - Lydia and Dominic, Tyson Dyk (friend, Maggie Foxley) - Paxton and Owen; two sisters: Mae Knoll and Helen Dyk; a brother-in-law, LeRoy Bruinsma; along with many nieces and nephews.

Andy was preceded in death by his daughter, Lori Dyk (1999); a great grandson, Kegan Trammel; his parents, Gerrit and Hattie Van Zee; three brothers: Andrew (in infancy), Albert and Herman Van Zee; and two sisters: Geneviere Hansum and Mary Lou Bruinsma.





Daddy's Prayer
Jesus tender shepherd hear me.
Bless Thy little lamb tonight.
Thru the darkness be Thou near me,
keep me safe till morning light.
All this day Thy hand has led me,
and I thank Thee for Thy care.
Thou hast clothed me, warm and fed me,
listen to my evening prayer.
Let my sins be all forgiven
and the friends I love so well.
Take me when I die to heaven.
Happy there with Thee to dwell. Amen

For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.

~ John 3:16

IN LOVING MEMORY OF Andrew G. Van Zee

October 28, 1932 - May 4, 2018

FUNERAL SERVICE

Friday, May 11, 2018 10:30 A.M.
Calvary Baptist Church Platte, South Dakota

OFFICIATING

Pastor Dave Anderson

MUSICAL SELECTIONS

"Daddy's Hands", Holly Dunn
"Amazing Grace", Alan Jackson
"Go Rest High On That Mountain", Vince Gill

CASKET BEARERS

Troy Sprik

Cody Olivier

Clay Olivier Sean Van Zee Buck Van Zee Travis Dyk

Tyson Dyk

INTERMENT

Platte City Cemetery Platte, South Dakota

In remembrance, please turn on your headlights during the procession to the cemetery.



Mount Funeral Home is honored to be assisting the Van Zee family.