



Don't grieve for me, for now I'm free
 I'm following the path God laid for me.
 I took His hand when I heard Him call
 I turned my back and left it all I could not stay another day
To laugh, to love, to work or play
 Tasks left undone must stay that way
 I found that peace at the close of the day
 If my parting has left a void
 Then fill it with remembered *Joy*
 A friendship shared,
 a laugh, a kiss Ah, yes, these things I too will miss
 Be not burdened with times of sorrow
 I wish for you the sunshine of tomorrow
 My life has been full, I've savored much
 Good friends, good times, *a loved one's touch*
 Perhaps my time seemed all too brief
 Don't lengthen it now with undue grief
 Lift up your heart and share with me
 God wanted me now, He set me **FREE!**

In Loving Memory Of Dwight Thiessen

Born to Nancy (Edes) and Peter Thiessen
 June 22, 1953 ~ Sidney, Montana

Returned to His Heavenly Father
 April 6, 2024 ~ Savage, Montana

Funeral Services

Saturday, April 13, 2024 at 11:00 am
 Faith Alliance Church ~ Sidney, Montana
Interment to follow at Lambert Cemetery
Luncheon at Fox Lake Community Center

Officiating

Pastor Paul Turek

Casketbearers

Kelly Bergstedt Don Bouchard Ron Bouchard
 Russell Thiessen Sheldon Heringer Jeff Jorgensen
 Russ Huotari Royce Volkman

Honorary Casketbearers

Cliff Bergstedt Allen Thiessen Jim Thiessen
 Jon Jorgensen Milo Borg Lowell Stevenson

Ushers

Ben Larson Dave Jorgensen Brian Ler Bill Rehbein

Music

Suzie Bergstedt Jessica Brown Don Josephson
 Linda Bergstedt Kelly Bergstedt

Final Resting Place

Lambert Cemetery ~ Lambert, Montana

Arrangements By

Fulkerson Stevenson Funeral Home ~ Sidney, MT

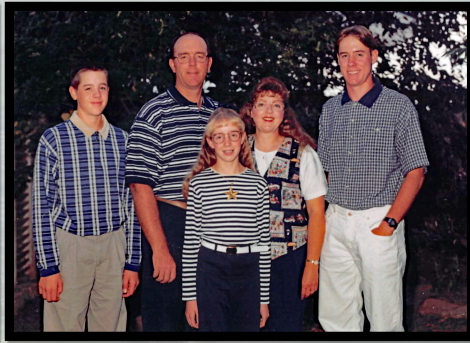
Abide in me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself, except it abide in the vine; no more can ye, except ye abide in me. I am the vine, ye are the branches: He that abideth in me, and I in him, the same bringeth forth much fruit: for without me ye can do nothing. John 15:4-5 KJV

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Dwight Everett Thiessen was born on June 22, 1953, to Peter Daniel and Nancy Mae (Edes) Thiessen in Sidney, Montana. He grew up on the family farm near Lambert, Montana, until the family moved to Norwalk, California, for his first-grade year. The remainder of his early school years was spent back on the farm. In 1968, the family bought a second home in Nampa, Idaho, where Dwight attended a Christian high school and college while spending the summers back on the farm. He majored in accounting at Northwest Nazarene College and received associate degrees in agricultural business and livestock technology from Dawson Community College.

In 1971, a mutual friend introduced Dwight to his future wife, Diana Mansveld, while at Northwest Nazarene College. They were married in 1975 in Ashland, Oregon near Diana's hometown of Medford. They operated the family farm and D&D Herefords together while raising their three children, Peter K., Andrew, and Jessica. The kids loved going with Dad to "cake cows" or to do other chores around the farm, further developing their interest in livestock as he helped them with 4-H projects. Their family took an annual Christmas trip to Oregon to visit Diana's family and also enjoyed regular summer visits to Medora, North Dakota.

Dwight was a farmer at heart and kept up with the latest farming techniques, including growing safflower for crop diversification. He was appointed as a Richland County Commissioner in 1989 and was re-

elected for two more terms through 1999. He also served on several boards, including Eastern Montana Bible Camp (EMBC) and the Savage Public School Board. While seeking to better his community, he developed many rich friendships which continued throughout his life. He never knew a stranger when he travelled, often meeting acquaintances who recognized a business logo from one of his many baseball caps. Many hunters from a variety of states appreciated being able to hunt on the ranch through the Block Management program. Dwight enjoyed keeping up with the Minnesota Twins baseball team, hunting for agates, playing a rousing round of Rook, setting up a life-sized nativity scene, and showing visitors Snowden Bridge or the family landmark of Castle Rock, where his father was born in a dugout on the original Thiessen homestead.

Dwight was recognized by the community and his business associates as a man of integrity and honesty, the result of a family legacy of faith which included his personal knowledge of God's love and grace as demonstrated in the gospel of Jesus Christ. He was a faithful church member at Lambert Alliance Church and later at Faith Alliance Church in Sidney. A highlight of his active participation as a Gideon was sitting at the Gideon booth at the Richland County Fair. He was an avid supporter of many Christian missionaries and ministries, such as EMBC and KGLE radio station. Those who knew Dwight were frequent recipients of his generosity, as well as his subtle sense



of humor. Family members knew they could depend on his support and leadership, and he was a doting grandfather and devoted husband. Next year would have marked his and Diana's 50-year anniversary.

After battling cancer, Dwight passed away at home, going to meet his Lord and Savior on April 6, 2024, at the family farm with family by his side.

Dwight was preceded in death by his parents, Peter D. and Nancy Mae Thiessen, stepmother Doris Kelley-Thiessen, as well as an older sister, Luanna Mae, who died in infancy.

He is survived by his wife, Diana Thiessen, of Savage, MT; his three children: Peter K. Thiessen of Bismarck, North Dakota, Andrew (Brittni) Thiessen of Savage, Montana, and Jessica (Tim) Brown of Big Lake, Alaska; and three grandchildren, Ashlyn and Colter Thiessen of Savage, Montana, and Mackenzie Thiessen of Bismarck, North Dakota.

*There is never a life without sadness,
There is never a heart free from pain;
If one seeks in this world for true solace,
He seeks it forever in vain.*

*So when to your heart comes the sorrow
Of losing some dear one you've known
Tis the touch of God's sickle at harvest
Since He reaps in the fields He has sown.*