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01/03/2013 - Dewey Lowell Trent

Funeral services for Dewey Lowell Trent, of Oelrichs, SD will be Thursday, January 3, 2013 at 10:00 AM at the Prairie View United Methodist Church west of Smithwick, SD with Pastor Paul Smith officiating.

Visitation will be Wednesday, January 2, 2013 from 5-7:00 PM at the Prairie View United Methodist Church west of Smithwick, SD.

Burial will be at the Hillside Cemetery near Oelrichs, SD.

A memorial has been established.

Written condolences may be made at www.mccolleyschapels.com.

Dewey Lowell Trent, of Oelrichs, SD went to live with his Heavenly Father on December 28, 2012 following a lengthy battle with cancer. He had been a resident of Hospice of the Hills, since February 8, 2012 where he quickly won the hearts of those who served him with his quick wit, sparkling eyes and infectious smile.

The third child of Harry Gilbert and Lucy Alvina (Wellner) Trent, Dewey was born September 2, 1927 at Oelrichs, SD. He attended school at the Lennon and Oelrichs Schools graduating from Oelrichs High School in 1945. Dewey married Mytle LeLaCheur on March 25, 1950. Into this union, three sons were born, Melvin in 1951 and twins Ronald and Donald in 1953

Dewey lived his entire life in the Fall River County in the Smithwick and Oelrichs area. He first worked farming for Clifford and William Gieser, and began working for the Lorenz Brothers in heavy machinery construction in 1950. He helped build a lot of stock dams in the county that are still being used to water livestock, including many in the Hay Canyon area. During this period of time he also farmed and ranched and continued to do so after moving the family to Oelrichs in 1962 when he took over the job of Standard Oil Agent. Dewey and Myrtle purchased the business from Standard Oil in 1976 and continued to serve their many customers in the counties of Fall River, Custer and Shannon until the business closed December 31, 2011.

Trent Oil Company supported the Fall River County 4-H program having been a buyer at the 4-H livestock sale for 25 years. The Trent Family were recipients of the Farm Bureau Century Farm award in 2000 and in 2012 were recognized by the Hot Springs Area Chamber of Commerce Ag Committee as Ag Family of the Year. Dewey was a lifelong member of B.P.O.E., SD Cattlemen's and Stockgrowers Organizations. He served on the Smithwick School Board and was a board member for Southern Hills General Hospital from 1971-1998. Dewey was a long time member of the Oelrichs Volunteer Fire Department , serving 25 years as treasurer; a member of the Oelrichs United Methodist Church and most recently the Prairie View United Methodist Church. Dewey believed in treating people fairly and expected no less in return. His kindness and wonderful sense of humor will be greatly missed.

Dewey was preceded in death by his parents, Gilbert & Lucy; brother, Bob Trent; sister, Carol Wilson; grandson, Brandon J. Trent and great-grandson Brandon L. Trent.

Immediate Survivors:

Wife: of 62 years, Myrtle Trent

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Sons: Melvin and Mary of Rapid City, SD; Ron and Cindy of Oelrichs, SD; Don of Houston, MO.

Grandchildren: Justin (Melody) Trent of Chadron, NE; Kenneth (Judy) Trent of Ravenna, NE; Kevin Trent of Thermopolis, WY; Casey (Nancy)Trent of Brodus, MT; Devon Trent of Oelrichs, SD; Angela Trent of Houston MO.

Great Grandchildren: Ashley, Adrianna, Kaylee, Duane, Kayden and Pacen.

Brother: Lewis Trent of Greenwood, IN.

Sisters: Irma Rubin of Rapid City, SD; Edyth Gamet of Hot Springs, SD; Lola Kirchhevel of Rapid City, SD; Connie Ulmer of Oelrichs, SD,

Numerous cousins, nieces and nephews.

McColley's Chapel of the Hills in Hot Springs, SD is in charge of arrangements.

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