

Douglas Roland Smith, age 84 of Sheyenne, N.D., passed away peacefully on Sunday, November 15, 2020 at Sanford Hospital in Fargo, ND.



He was born on Midway Farm, which was still his home, on December 9, 1935 to Floyd and Anne (Jacobsen) Smith. He went to Rocky Mountain School #2 just down the road from home. He rode his horse to school many times. After graduating from 8<sup>th</sup> grade he entered the New Rockford High School. He was a busy student as he played saxophone in the school band then getting the nickname “12<sup>th</sup> Street Rag”. After graduation Douglas enrolled in the Winter Short Ag Course at NDSU. Upon returning in 1953 he began farming and purchased 2 registered Polled Herefords to start the foundation of Midway Polled Herefords. In 1970 he sold Polled Hereford breeding stock to Chile and in more recent years to Kazakhstan. He loved to work the land and had a love for raising the Polled Hereford seed stock, which his family still raises from his original herd.

Finding out that he had a yearning to take flying lessons, he bought his first plane. He tried 3 other planes before finding his love of a Cessna 172. He enjoyed giving rides in his plane, especially to kids.

On Valentine’s Day, February 14, 1959 he married the love of his life, Ann Bonderson of Sheyenne. To this union they had 2 sons James and William. Doug and Ann enjoyed traveling and visited over 30 states and Canada.

Over the years he has been on the Eddy County Crop Improvement Board, President of the North Dakota Polled Hereford Association, was awarded the Soil Conservation Award, Outstanding Young Farmer Award, and in 1992 was awarded the Polled Hereford Man of the Year for North Dakota.

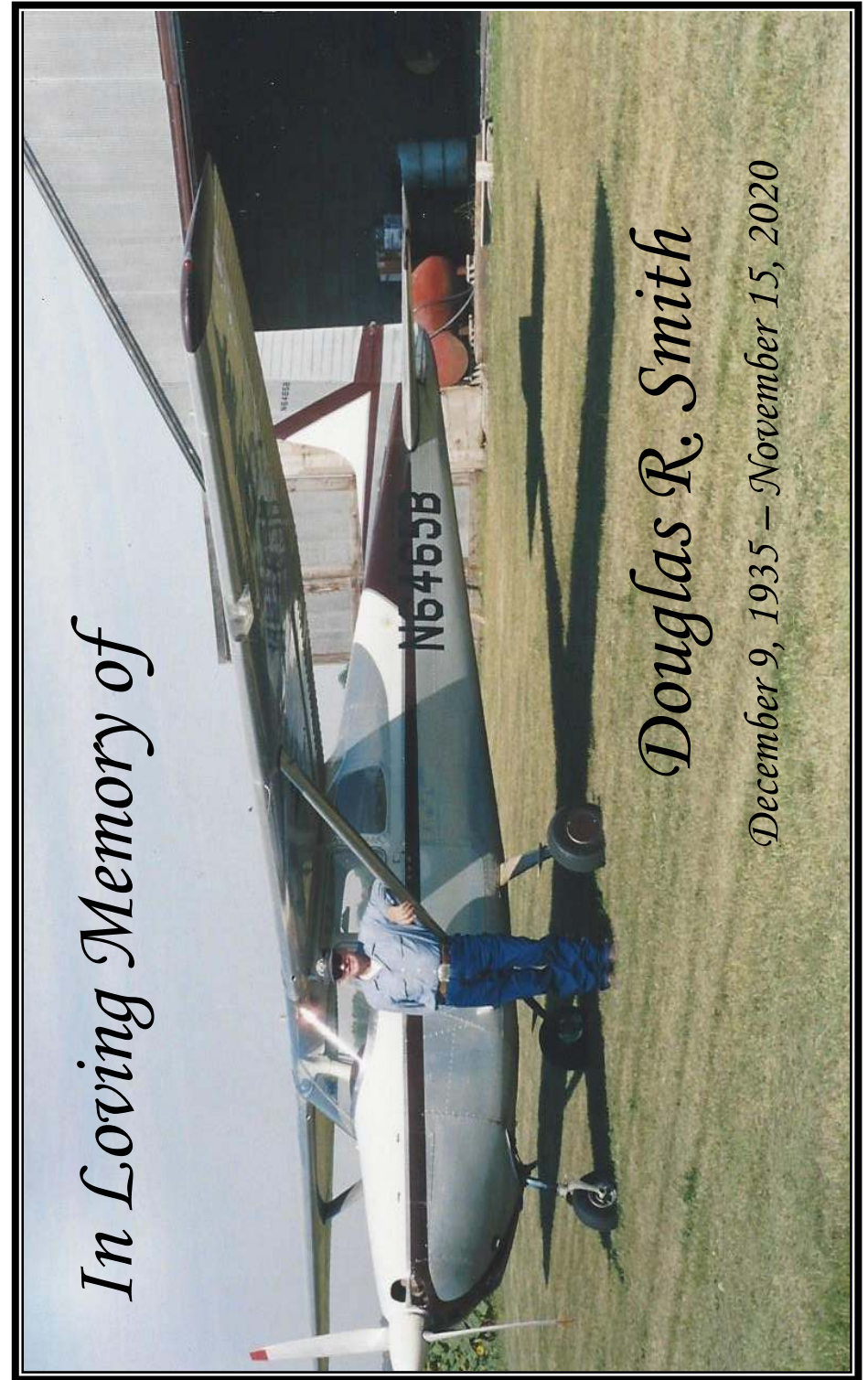
He also had a love of music. He had his own band for 20 plus years playing for weddings and clubs all over the state. In his later years he enjoyed entertaining at several nursing homes.

He had special relationships with his two granddaughters Kate and Whitney, as they lived on the same farm, and now also his two great grandchildren Will and Andie, who are the 6<sup>th</sup> generation to live on Midway Farm.

As an only child, Doug also had special relationships with his cousins, Robert, Nick, and Don Holthe, Eileen (Holthe) Patrick, Ellen (Smith) Messner, Lester Smith, Erland Bergland and Leona (Bergland) Bouret.

Doug is survived by his wife of 61 years, Ann; his sons James Smith, Fargo and William (Karen) Smith, Sheyenne, granddaughters Kate (Austin) Langley, Warwick, Whitney (Jacob) Burkhardtsmeier, and great grandchildren, Will and Andie Burkhardtsmeier, all of Sheyenne and we can’t forget his beloved dog Taz.

Doug was preceded in death by his parent, in-laws, many musician friends and fellow Polled Hereford breeders.



*In Loving Memory of*

*Douglas R. Smith*

*December 9, 1935 – November 15, 2020*



***Psalm 23 A Psalm of David***

*1 The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want.*

*2 He makes me to lie down in green pastures;  
He leads me beside the still waters.*

*3 He restores my soul; He leads me in the paths  
of righteousness for His name's sake.*

*4 Yea, though I walk through the valley of  
shadow of death, I will fear no evil; For You  
are with me; Your rod and Your staff, they  
comfort me.*

*5 You prepare a table before me in the presence  
of my enemies; You anoint my head with oil;  
My cup runs over.*

*6 Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me  
All the days of my life; And I will dwell in  
the house of the LORD forever.*

In Loving Memory of  
***Douglas Roland Smith***

December 9, 1935 - Bush Township, ND

November 15, 2020 - Fargo, ND

**VISITATION**

Wednesday, November 18, 2020 ~ 9:00AM – 5:00PM

Evans Funeral Home, New Rockford, ND

**FUNERAL SERVICE**

Thursday, November 19, 2020 ~ 1:00PM

Evans Funeral Home, New Rockford, ND

**OFFICIATING**

Rev. Amy Kippen

**MUSIC**

Kerstin Allmaras

Katie Allmaras

*In The Garden, The Old Rugged Cross,  
and Amazing Grace*

**PALLBEARERS**

Aaron Weber ~ Darin Weber ~ Dennis Weber  
Jim Langley ~ Kenny Thompson ~ Pete Larson

**BURIAL**

Nystrom Cemetery, rural Sheyenne, ND

Arrangements by

Evans Funeral Home – Carrington & New Rockford, ND

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