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SDTA Chairman Bob Willey, SDTA President Christine Erickson, and Barry Pottle with Bison USA on the steps of the Capitol Building in Washington, D.C.



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MESSAGE FROM THE Chairman

Good day, ladies and gentlemen. I am writing this after returning from D.C. on our Call on Washington. Christine, myself, and Barry Pottle, who works for Bison USA, aka Britton Transport, attended the event. It was a jampacked two days of informational meetings.

On Tuesday morning, I met with members of OOIDA's team at their D.C. office. We discussed the truck parking bill that was introduced in committee on the Senate side and is getting a lot of attention. The bill number is SB1034. Senator Thune and Senator Rounds are not on the committee, but if it makes it

to the full floor, they will have the opportunity to vote on it. We encouraged them to support it. There is also a restroom accessibility bill coming down the pipe that has not been introduced yet, but we brought it to their attention and asked for their support. Tuesday afternoon, Christine, Barry, and I watched a live Senate subcommittee hearing on work force development. There has been a lot of talk about President Biden's





nomination of Julie Su for Secretary of Labor. She was California's Secretary of Labor when AB5 passed, which is being litigated right now. If AB5 survives the court challenges and she is confirmed, there is fear that she will attempt to bring something like AB5 to the federal level. This would affect all kinds of businesses, from owner-operators to freelance writers.

On Wednesday morning, we started our congressional visits. In the afternoon, we sat in on a round table that Representative Johnson was on, which was on supply chain issues. Then, to top it off, we had a social at ATA's new office, and we received a tour of the office. We gathered more information than I have space for. Just a few facts for conversation. It takes 40% more electricity to support the proposed mandates to electric. 80% of the communities are served by trucks only. Trucks carry 73% of the domestic freight. As of today, it takes 60 trucks to create the same emissions as one truck in 1988.

Stay safe, and I hope to visit with you soon.

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MESSAGE FROM THE

President

Christine's Corner

Greetings from the SDTA office,

With each message, I feel like I start off by taking a deep breath from the hustle and bustle. This time is no different. I'm just wrapping up a month of jury duty here in Minnehaha County and planning my son Anthony's high school graduation party. In the fall, he will be off to SDSU.

At the end of April, SDTA Chairman Bob Willey, Barry Pottle with Bison USA, and myself made the trip to Washington, DC, for our Call on Washington, hosted along with the American Trucking Association. It was great to see our friends from Arizona and Illinois attending at the same time. We had the opportunity to sit in on the Education Workforce Committee and Supply Chain Caucus Round Table that our very own Congressman Dusty Johnson serves on. As your representatives, we spoke about the many challenging issues, including California's AB5 law, energy and environmental mandates, workforce development, lawsuit abuse, and many others. As you know, we ARE stronger when we are together. We are grateful for having a close relationship with our South Dakota delegation and thank them for their time and attention while we were in D.C.

SDTA also hosted our Spring Board of Directors meeting in Chamberlain, coupled with the Cliff Tjaden Fishing Calcutta and Tournament. Thank you to K & J Trucking Inc. for hosting the meal and organizing this event. We are in the process of developing a new workforce development scholarship that will go towards students attending school for a CDL, or diesel mechanic. Stay tuned, more to come on that.

I want to also inform you that we are in the process of streamlining many of the SDTA and SDADA operations. After completing a profit and loss analysis of the print shop, we have found that we are continually losing money year over year. This model is not a sustainable business model for our associations. Jay will be reducing the cost of some of our inventory that has been sitting for awhile. We will rebrand and consolidate some of the items we offer. More to come on that soon. We wish Jay the very best and thank him for his commitment to SDTA and SDADA for the past several years. Jay's last day will be May 31.

It's never too early to start thinking about the next legislative session. I have started to hear from many of you about some 'wish list' legislation. I hope we can focus on lawsuit abuse and follow some of our neighboring states to protect trucking companies from unfair and inflated lawsuits. If you have ideas for legislation, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Onward.

Christine M. Erickson

SDTA President

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JFI Moves the Brandon Valley Lynx Marching Band to Dayton, **OH for Drumline Competition**



In April, JFI's Sioux Falls shop manager, Nathan Gerritsen and JFI teamed up to move the Brandon Valley Lynx marching band from South Dakota to Dayton, Ohio for the Winter Guard World Championship Indoor Drumline competition.

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MAY 2023 DRIVER OF THE MONTH



Randy Collins, Warren Transport, Black Hawk, SD, was selected as the May 2023 Driver of the Month by the South Dakota Safety Management Council.

Randy has been with Warren Transport for two of his 41+ years and 4 million-mile career. Randy is hardworking and always gets the job done in a timely and efficient manner, and he is always ready and willing to learn new routes. Randy takes extra time at new customer sites to see if there are any hazards or efficiencies that he can pass along to other drivers to help with safety and productivity. Randy's soft-spoken nature makes him very easy to work with, and he is a great mentor for new drivers and employees at our company. Randy is a very dedicated person, and you can count on him to help anyone in need, whether it be at work or at home. He is very respected by all.

Randy and his wife Becky reside in Hermosa, SD.

The South Dakota Trucking Association joins the Safety Management Council in congratulating Randy Collins for being selected as the May 2023 Driver of the Month.

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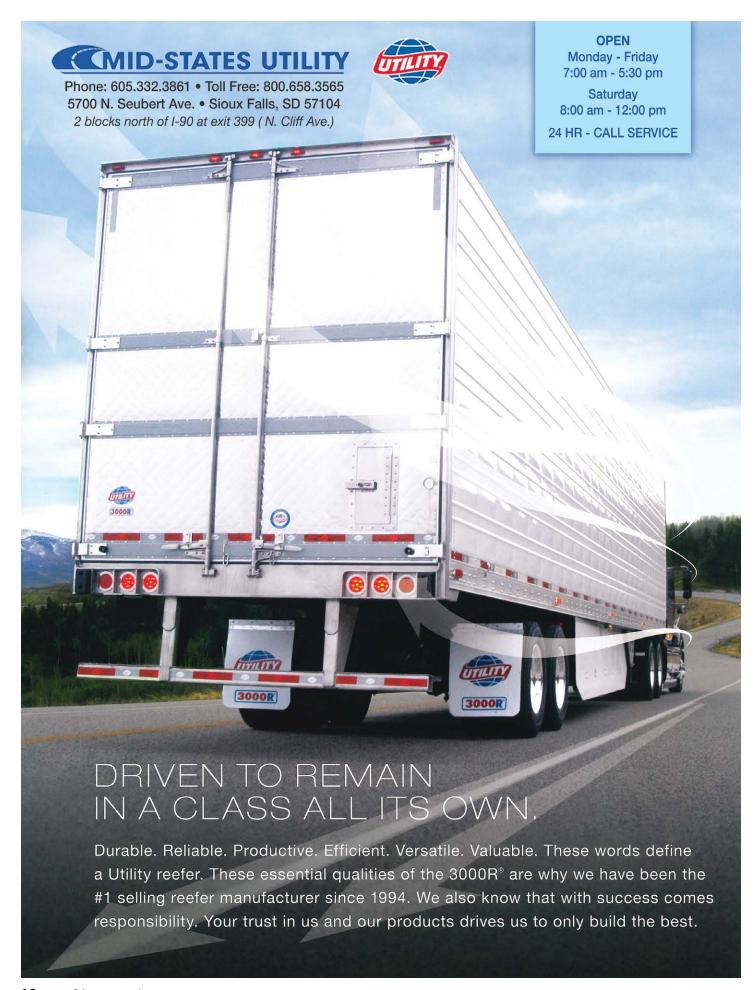












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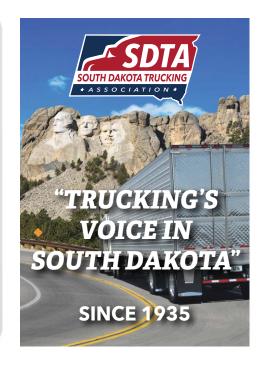


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SDTA Fall Board of Directors Meeting 10:00 a.m. AmericInn Fort Pierre, SD

DECEMBER 6, 2023

West River Legislative Reception 5:30 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. Minervas, Lincoln Room Rapid City, SD

DECEMBER 12, 2023

NextGen Reception 4:30 p.m. East River Legislative Reception 5:30 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. Minervas Sioux Falls, SD

FEBRUARY 12, 2024

Annual Legislative Reception and Sundae Bar 6:00 p.m. Ramkota Hotel & Conference Center Pierre, SD

FEBRUARY 13, 2024

SDTA Winter Executive Committee Meeting 10:00 a.m. Ramkota Hotel & Conference Center Pierre, SD

FEBRUARY 13, 2024

SDTA Winter Board of Directors Meeting 12:30 p.m. Ramkota Hotel & Conference Center Pierre, SD



SD Highway Patrol Honors Trooper, Inspector with Agency's Highest Awards





SDPB Staff | SDPB Radio

May 2, 2023 - The South Dakota Highway Patrol has awarded the department's highest honors to a trooper and state inspector.

Trooper Dan Hup of Dell Rapids was named Trooper of the Year, while Motor Carrier Master Inspector Loren Miller was named Motor Carrier Inspector of the Year.

According to the Department of Public Safety, these awards recognize their contributions in "keeping South Dakota a safe place to live, work, visit, and raise a family."



Hup, a Criminal Interdiction Trooper in District 5, has been with the Highway Patrol since 2011. In 2022, he made 208 drug arrests and 190 criminal apprehension arrests, according to a statement from the Highway Patrol. Apart from his role as a State Trooper serving South Dakota, Trooper Hup actively participates in his community, dedicating his free time to supporting various programs and groups.

Miller, who has been with the Motor Carrier Services division of the South Dakota Highway Patrol since 2007, completed 1,490 safety inspections in 2022. During these inspections, he discovered 1,059 safety violations for driver and vehicle equipment and 329 out-of-service violations, leading to the removal of unsafe vehicles and drivers from South Dakota's roadways.



"The South Dakota Highway Patrol is honored to recognize Trooper Hup and Master Inspector Miller for their outstanding work in keeping South Dakota safe," said Colonel Rick Miller, Superintendent of the Highway Patrol. "Their dedication and hard work are a testament to the Highway Patrol's commitment to serve and protect the people of South Dakota."

The awards were presented at the 11th Annual Awards ceremony in Sioux Falls, which featured Gov. Kristi Noem as the honorary guest speaker. This year's program sponsors were the South Dakota Trucking Association, South Dakota Auto Dealers Association, and AAA of South Dakota.

Congratulations, Trooper Hup and Master Inspector Miller!



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Lawmaker Vows to Block Speed Limiters on Trucks

DRIVE Act introduced in response to anticipated proposed rule from FMCSA

John Gallagher | May 5, 2023 | FreightWaves

WASHINGTON — An Oklahoma lawmaker is taking a preemptive shot at a truck speed limiter proposed rule scheduled to be published this year, introducing a bill aimed at stopping it.

The Deregulating Restrictions on Interstate Vehicles and Eighteen-Wheelers (DRIVE) Act, introduced in the U.S. House on Tuesday by Republican Josh Brecheen, would prohibit the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration from "implementing any rule or regulation requiring vehicles over 26,000 pounds that are engaged in interstate commerce to be equipped with a speed limiting device set to a maximum speed," according to a statement from Brecheen. A draft of the bill was not yet available.

FMCSA stated in a notice of intent issued last year that the agency would be proposing that interstate commercial trucks with a gross vehicle weight rating (GVWR) or gross vehicle weight (GVW) of 26,001 pounds or more, whichever is greater, be equipped with an electronic engine control unit capable of governing a yet-to-be-determined maximum speed. The notice generated over 15,000 comments, mostly from drivers or small carriers staunchly opposed to it.

Brecheen, a fourth-generation rancher and former trucking company owner, argues the rule would harm the agricultural sector as well as the trucking industry generally because it would include livestock trailer/truck combos and grain trucks.

"This overreach by the Biden Administration has the potential to negatively impact all facets of the agricultural and trucking industries," Brecheen asserted.

"I know from experience driving a semi while hauling equipment, and years spent hauling livestock, that the flow of traffic set by state law is critical for safety instead of an arbitrary one-size-fits-all speed limit imposed by some bureaucrat sitting at his desk in Washington, D.C. This rule will add one more needless burden and Congress must stop it.

"For example, if a rancher is transporting cattle in a trailer across state lines, under this rule, the federal government would require a speed limiter device when above 26,000 lbs. Out-of-control bureaucrats are trying to impose ridiculous regulations on Americans who are trying to make ends meet."

Brecheen cited a 2005 study that found that interactions among vehicles traveling 10 mph below the posted speed



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limit were 227% higher than among vehicles moving at traffic speed. Such interactions lead to more crashes, said Todd Spencer, president of the Owner-Operator Independent Drivers Association, which supports Brecheen's bill.

"OOIDA and our 150,000 members in small business trucking across America thank Congressman Brecheen for his leadership in keeping our roadways safe for truckers and for all road users," Spencer commented.

The bill also has the support of the National Association of Small Trucking Companies, Western States Trucking Association, American Farm Bureau Federation, National Cattlemen's Beef Association, United States Cattlemen's Association, Livestock Marketing Association, and the Towing and Recovery Association of America.

The American Trucking Associations, which developed a speed-governing policy for commercial trucks in 2007, initially supported a fixed maximum speed of 65 mph for all Class 7 and 8 trucks with electronic speed governors manufactured after 1992. ATA has since revised its policy to take into account the latest safety technology, and for those types of trucks it now supports speed limiters set to a maximum of 70 mph.

In responding to Brecheen's bill, ATA suggested that the U.S. Department of Transportation conduct a recurring five-year review of speed governing regulations to ensure they are consistent with current technologies.

"It is vital that any regulation get the details right, and the technologies are changing every year," said ATA Executive Vice President of Advocacy Bill Sullivan. "These efforts to prohibit the development of safety policies are misguided, they will lead to more serious crashes, and this bill will never become law, even if it passes the House."

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Sioux Falls Trucking Company Chipping in to Promote South Dakota to Rest of Country

Western Provisions' rolls out redesigned fleet

Joe Sneve | The Dakota Scout

April 28, 2023 – The state Tourism Department is getting some national promotion — free of charge — from a Sioux Falls-based trucking company beaming with South Dakota pride.

Western Provisions, Inc. this spring began a redesign of its 20-trailer fleet that includes South Dakota's long-held motto "Great Faces, Great Place" adorned across the rear-facing doors of each cargo unit. And with each traversing the country to the tune of about 130,000 miles each year, Western Provisions, Inc. partner Jason DeGroot said he can't begin to estimate how many eyeballs of drivers in other states will see them.

"They go all over the country," said DeGroot, who owns the operations with his brother Jonathan and father Larry.

The move to provide the pro bono tourism promotion is part an homage to Western Provisions' heritage and part pride in South Dakota. DeGroot said decades ago, after the state tourism office first rolled out the Great Faces, Great Faces slogan and logo, the company's founder — Wally Wenzlaff — wanted to do something to promote his home state. And with a fleet of trailers that spend more time outside of South Dakota than in it, he put the then-new state logo and slogan on their doors.

Overtime, the promotion went by the wayside, though, with the circulation of new trailers in the fleet. DeGroot said it's been close to 20 years since a Western Provisions trailer had the design.

South Dakota Trucking Association President Christine Erickson lauded the DeGroots for their South Dakota pride and showing it off to out-of-staters.



"What better way to promote South Dakota and the tourism of this great state than people seeing these trucks on America's highways," she said. "The generosity of the De-Groot family promoting the state they love is yet another example of how amazing the trucking industry is."

"It's a throwback to Western Provisions' origins," DeGroot said.

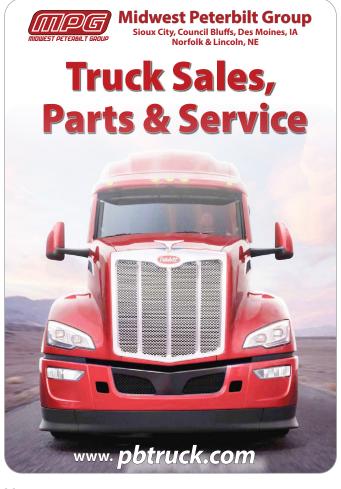
The South Dakota Department of Tourism did not return a call seeking comment Friday.

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DRIVER OF THE MONTH NOMINATION FORM & RULES Date: Jacket Size: Name of Driver: Spouse's Name:_____ Marital Status: Residence Address (in full): Children & Ages:____ Name of Carrier: Home Terminal Address (in full):_____ Phone Number: Email: Years Employed by Present Employer:______ Total Years of Experience:_____ Type of Equipment Operated: Truck Tractor-Semitrailer Doubles Other Type of Driving: ☐ Over the Road ☐ City ☐ Other _____ Mileage with Present Employer:_____ Total Mileage: # of Accidents: Chargeable Dates: __Non-Chargeable Dates:____ Has your driver ever been selected as a Driver of the Month or Driver of the Year in South Dakota or any other state? ☐ Yes ☐ No If yes, when?:_____ Participation in truck driving championships or other transportation related activities: ______ Basis of Nomination:

With this entry, company agrees to send their driver, if selected as Driver of the Month, to the South Dakota Trucking Association Annual Convention, where the driver will participate in a personal interview. Drivers not being interviewed will not be eligible for the Driver of the Year

With this entry, the company agrees to submit Driver of the Year Entry Form for National Competition if your driver is selected as the South

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RULES:

Dakota Driver of the Year.

Driver may be nominated for Driver of the Month for any outstanding act of heroism, a contribution to highway safety, an extraordinary act of courtesy, an exceptional deed or act of service to mankind within the community reflecting positively on the motor carrier industry, or for a long period of safe and courteous driving. An outstanding act shall be deemed to mean unusual or other than the normal every day courtesies afforded by truck drivers.

honors. Interview times will be scheduled Friday afternoon during the convention.

ELIGIBILITY:

- 1. The nominated driver must be an employee of a member in good standing of the South Dakota Trucking Association.
- 2. The nominated driver must have been an employee of the present employer for at least two years and have a minimum of five years overall experience.
- 3. South Dakota domiciled* drivers are eligible for nomination for an outstanding act performed in any state. * The intent of the word "domiciled" shall be interpreted to mean: Any driver reporting to or regularly dispatched from a terminal within the state of SD (in keeping with the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Regulations definition of his/her home terminal) regardless of where the driver may dwell.

- A driver may receive the Driver of the Month award only one time in any contest year. He/she may be renominated in any subsequent year.
- Nominations for outstanding acts on the highway shall be accompanied by supporting evidence (letters, statements, news clippings, etc.). A clear, factual account is absolutely necessary. Vague generalizations will not be accepted.
- A copy of recent driver motor vehicle record check must accompany the nomination.
- 7. Drivers nominated and not selected as Driver of the Month will be held over and used in the following month's selection.
- 8. Entries must be in the SDTA office no later than the 10th of each month for that current month's contest.
- 9. Nominations may be made by any party, but must be approved by the employer or a representative of the employer.
- 10. The annual contest will run from September of the previous year through August of the current year.
- 11. Company agrees to submit a professional head and shoulders photo of the winning driver.

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FMCSA Proposes Expanding Types of Non-preventable Crashes

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April 17, 2023 — The agency's Federal Register notice indicates it is planning to allow carriers to submit a broader range of crash types to its Crash Preventability Determination Program, potentially improving carriers' safety ratings.

The Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration is planning to expand the number of crash types considered not preventable in the Crash Preventability Determination Program (CPDP), which would allow carriers to have a broader range of non-preventable accidents leave CSA scores unaffected, according to a Federal Register notice. Additionally, the descriptions of existing eligible crash types are being reworded to "allow more crashes to be submitted for consideration in the program," according to the notice.

Since May 2020, the CPDP has allowed carriers or drivers involved in specific crash types to submit Requests for Data Review (RDRs) through FMCSA's DataQs system. FMCSA reviews the RDRs and attached police reports to determine if a crash was preventable or not, determining whether the event affects a carrier's CSA score.

FMCSA has opened comments on its proposed CPDP revisions until June 12, 2023.

In its current state, the CPDP accepts 16 specific crash types as eligible for preventability consideration. FMCSA is considering adding the following four crash types to the list:

1. The commercial motor vehicle was struck on the side by a motorist operating in the same direction. Currently, the crash type is limited to side strikes at the very rear of the vehicle (e.g., 5:00 and 7:00 points of impact)

- The CMV was struck because an other motorist was entering the roadway from a private driveway or parking lot
- The CMV was struck because another motorist lost control of their vehicle. FMCSA reviewed many PARs that included this information but were ineligible for the program under the current crash types.
- Any other type of crash otherwise standing outside the CPDP categories if there is video attached depicting the sequence of events.

The new crash types would not be retroactive, meaning when FMCSA updates its DataQs system to include new types—a date for which has not yet been determined—a crash occurring before the start date of the new crash types would not become eligible for CPDP submission.

For any of the CPDP-eligible crash types, FMCSA would still display crashes in the SMS, noting whether the crash was preventable or not preventable. If there is not sufficient evidence to make a determination, the crash would be classified as "undecided." Crashes classified as not-preventable, however, would not be used in the BASIC calculation for CSA scores. FMCSA would also note not preventable determinations in the Pre-Employment Screening Program (PSP) for five years.

As of Dec. 30, 2022, 7,669 carriers had submitted RDRs. Of these, 3,138 carriers submitted 1 RDR, 3,837 carriers submitted between 2 and 9 RDRs, and 694 carriers submitted 10 or more RDRs. The highest number of RDRs submitted by 1 carrier was 942 RDRs.

A sigh of relief for carriers with preventable accidents

Federal Register comments as of April 14, 2023 were largely positive.

Brandon Wiseman, a transportation lawyer who is the president of Truck-safe Consulting, wrote in a blog post that the changes would potentially have a positive impact on the carriers' SMS scores, saying that "this change will likely be viewed by the industry as a positive one."

One commenter stated, "This is much needed. Carriers experience many crashes that currently are eligible to reviewed for removal" and that CSA scores currently "negatively impact our pricing for insurance coverage and are often used against carriers in court even when they are inflated by non-preventable accidents."

A comment from Stockton, California-based bulk carrier Fuel Delivery Services expressed that the commenter was "excited to see all the new categories to be added." The commenter also wrote that it will allow a more accurate crash risk for the company to be available to its customers and the public.

There was, however, measured criticism of the RDR reviewal process and the FMCSA's DataQs system. One comment stated it would be helpful if RDRs could be expedited, saying, "Currently, it is not uncommon to wait a long period of time before a determination is made," meaning the carrier must deal with a worse safety score in while waiting for a determination. The commenter said a suspension of the points until a determination is made or a quicker determination would be helpful.

Another commenter suggested that, if CPDP allows video, the DataQs system should be upgraded to allow for larger videos to be uploaded.

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Douglas "Doug" Moeller December 11, 1950 ~ December 24, 2022

Douglas C. Moeller, 72, of Bryant, SD, passed away on December 24, 2022, in his home surrounded by family.

Doug was born on December 11, 1950, to Charles and Ona (Legler) Moeller in Estelline, SD. Doug was preceded in death by his parents, Charles and Ona, and his only sibling, Charlotte.

Doug grew up in Bryant and graduated from Bryant High School in 1969. Growing up, he enjoyed hunting with friends and family. In high school, he enjoyed playing football, hauling water for his grandpa Moeller to local farms, and he built a love for snowmobiling after borrowing his uncle Buster's Polaris.

After high school, Doug served two years in the US Army, stationed in various locations in the United States and Germany. He was discharged from the service in November of 1972 and went to work driving truck for his father, Charles.

Doug married Bonnie (Weelborg) on February 24, 1973, and continued driving for his dad until 1988, when his dad

passed away. At that time, Doug & Bonnie took over Moeller Truck Service and continued to operate until only recently.

One of Doug's passions was riding snowmobiles. There were many trips to the mountains with family and friends. Doug enjoyed golfing with family and friends. Camping became Doug's favorite leisure in later years, enjoying many summers at area lakes, often surrounded by his grandchildren.

Above all else, his three granddaughters: Cadence, Aubrey, and Makayla, gave Grandpa Moeller the most joy.

Doug was a member of the Bryant American Legion. He served on the Bryant City Council, Lake Region Golf Course, Bryant Cinema Board, and Ducks Unlimited.

Doug is survived by his wife Bonnie, his sons Joe (Jess) and David (Susan), and his grandchildren Cadence, Aubrey, and Makayla. Doug is also survived by his Uncle Curtis, Aunt Beverly, cousins, and nieces, and nephews.

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Shari Lynn Fowlds March 10, 1965 ~ May 10, 2023

Shari Lynn Fowlds, age 58, of rural Baltic, SD, passed away Wednesday, May 10, 2023, at Avera-McKennen Hospital in Sioux Falls, SD.

Shari was born on March 10, 1965, in Sioux Falls, to Jack and Joann (Tidemann) Sluiter. She grew up south of Midway, helped with the Sluiter family Auction business, and graduated from Dell Rapids High School in 1983. After attending college at the University of South Dakota, she began her over 30-year career with Morrells/Smithfield. On December 30, 2011, she married Jerry Fowlds, the love of her life. For the last 2.5 years, after Jerry and Bruce's untimely passing, Shari learned the business and led Dakotaland Trucking through its transition.

Shari was an extraordinary person with extraordinary skills sets. She was a Jane-of-all Trades. If a situation came about, she would figure it out by rolling up her sleeves through dedicated research, conversations, resources and stubbornness. She would never shy away from a challenge. Shari was intelligent, loving, strongly independent, poised, organized, thoughtful, honest, hard-working, dedicated, funny, and generous. She was quit-witted and had a beautiful smile. She had a genuine way of connecting with people. Her co-workers at Smithfield and at Dakotaland were her second

family and carried her through many difficult life situations. She had a wide circle of friends who she staved connected with calls, texts, and time spent together. Businesses she frequented stated "Of course we know Shari, we look forward to when she comes in!" She is a member of the East Nidaros Church, enjoyed watching the Minnesota Vikings and all sports, fishing, pet cow "Koda", classic cars, sewing, canning, cooking, crossword puzzles, reading, and working outdoors on the property. She had an extensive collection of lawn ornaments which included her beloved green frogs. Shari and Jerry were the perfect couple, doing everything together and supporting each other in every aspect. Their true love was obvious to all and a reminder to love generously and unconditionally. In addition to daily life activities together, Shari and Jerry loved going out to the cabin on the Missouri River to participate in fishing tournaments with friends and family as well as attending the El Riad Shrine Classic Autos events.

Cancer is an ugly disease and Shari championed through it, twice, in one lifetime, with grace. Shari was a Warrior and took cancer on by learning everything she could to make decisions, holding hope for another productive tomorrow, and having faith in God and her amazing medical team. Shari didn't discuss

her cancer journey with others often as she wanted to keep a positive focus on life and do the things that made her happy. And she was happy by spending time with each of you.

As we remember Shari's legacy, may we challenge you to be like Shari: To keep a positive outlook even in difficult times, to hold hope for another productive day ahead, keep moving forward no matter the hurt, have faith in God and your support team, actively be there for others, and be generous with your time, love, and resources.

Rest in peace dear Shari. We miss you, greatly.

Shari is survived by her brother, Shane (Becky) Sluiter, Sioux Falls and their children, Jackson and Matthew; aunts: Audrey Jones and Judy Tidemann; uncle: Merlyn (Barb) Tidemann; cousins: Eric Tidemann and Lisa (Tim Akridge) Tidemann; and a very special friend, Phyllis Schievelbein, Sioux Falls. Daughter-in-law, Tammy (Erik) Paluk, children, Bryant, son-in-law, Darin (Dawn) Fowlds and their children, Corwin (Shelby) Fowlds, Shanda Fowlds, and Cheston Fowlds and their children. She was preceded in death by her beloved husband Jerry; her parents; grandparents; cousin, Laurie Tidemann; and brothers-in-law, Bruce and Jim Fowlds.

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