



*South Dakota Legislature*

*Legislative  
Memorial Service*

*January 21, 2021*



# JOINT MEMORIAL SERVICE

January 21, 2021 3:00 p.m. (CST)

House Chamber

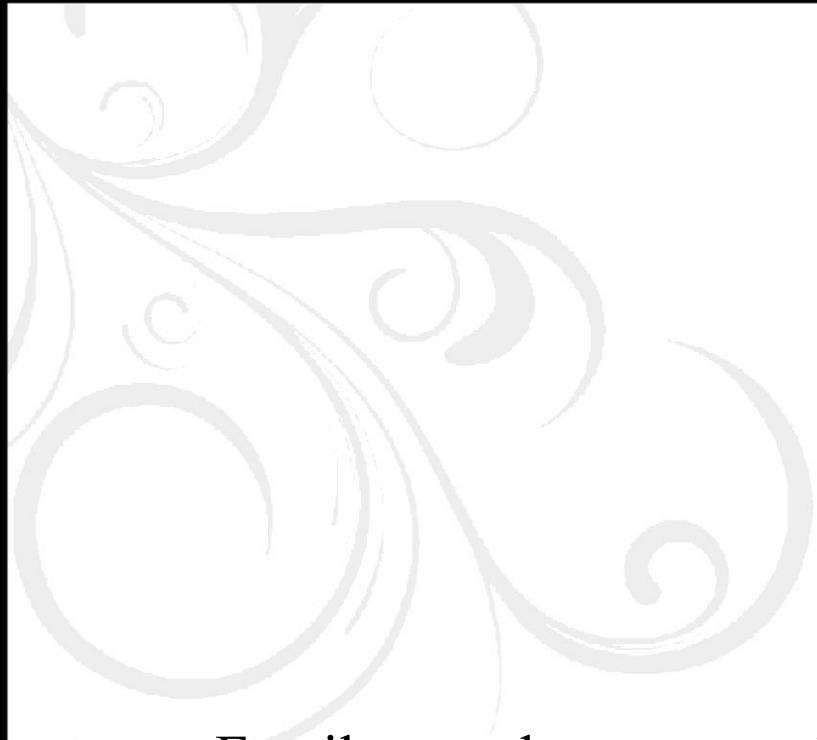
Opening Remarks		Representative Haugaard
Opening Prayer		Representative Blare
Joint Memorial Resolution		Senator Greenfield
“The Gift To Be Simple” – Bob Chilcott		*Pierre Riggs High School Chamber Choir
Reading of the Names for Placing of the Roses		Senator Cammack
<i>James (Jim) A. Bradford</i>	<i>Bennett, Haakon, Jackson, Oglala Lakota, Pennington</i>	<i>House of Representatives 2001-2008 Senate 2009-2016</i>
<i>Lance A. Carson</i>	<i>Aurora, Davison, Jerauld</i>	<i>House of Representatives 2007-2014 2017-2018</i>
<i>Bernard (Bernie) W. Christenson</i>	<i>Hughes, Potter, Sully</i>	<i>House of Representatives 1985-1987</i>
<i>Justin R. Cronin</i>	<i>Campbell, Edmunds, Faulk, Hand, Hyde, McPherson, Potter, Spink, Walworth</i>	<i>House of Representatives 2009-2016 Senate 2017-2019</i>
<i>Robert (Bob) E. Glanzer</i>	<i>Beadle, Kingsbury</i>	<i>House of Representatives 2017-2020</i>
<i>Patrick Allan Kirschman</i>	<i>Minnehaha</i>	<i>House of Representatives 2009-2016</i>
<i>Milton (Milt) Lakness</i>	<i>Hamlin, Kingsbury, Beadle, Clark</i>	<i>House of Representatives 1975-1980</i>
<i>Theresa “Huck” Bernice Two Bulls</i>	<i>Bennett, Haakon, Jackson, Oglala Lakota, Todd</i>	<i>Senate 2005-2008</i>
<i>Alfred (Al) Waltman</i>	<i>Brown</i>	<i>House of Representatives 1987-2000</i>
Prayer of Reflection		Senator Heinert
“I Will Be With You” – Sarah Quartel		*Pierre Riggs High School Chamber Choir
Benediction		Representative Chase
Closing Remarks		Representative May

\*Pierre Riggs High School Students directed by Mr. Rodd Bauck, Vocal Director.

## **Joint Select Committee**

Senators: Gary L. Cammack, Brock L. Greenfield, Lee Schoenbeck, Troy Heinert

Representatives: Steven G. Haugaard, Liz May, Rocky Blare, Roger Chase

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Family members are cordially invited to a reception hosted by the Capitol Club following the Legislative Memorial Service.

The reception will be held in the  
Speaker's Lobby  
(behind the House Chamber).

NOTE: The following biographical information has been extrapolated from the South Dakota Legislative Manual ("Blue Book") (various editions), various legislative documents and obituary information.

**WHEREAS**, the Great Ruler of the Universe has ordered a final adjournment in the lives of nine former members of the South Dakota Legislature, namely: the *Honorable James Bradford*; the *Honorable Lance Carson*; the *Honorable Bernard "Bernie" Christenson*; the *Honorable Justin Cronin*; the *Honorable Bob Glanzer*; the *Honorable Patrick Kirschman*; the *Honorable Milton Lakness*; the *Honorable Theresa Two Bulls*; and the *Honorable Alfred Waltman*; and

**WHEREAS**, in the lives of all these eminent public servants there was noted a profound urgency in an unselfish manner, with trials and vicissitudes often far outweighing honors, but with a consciousness that here in a land of freedom the dignity of the individual is supreme, that justice must be dispensed, and that only by eternal vigilance and unrelenting effort can self-government of a people be preserved; and

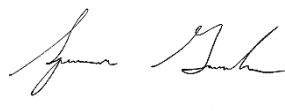
**WHEREAS**, it is fitting that we humbly honor the memory of those who have thus contributed to the orderly process of government under the Constitution:

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Senate and the House of Representatives of the Ninety-sixth Session of the Legislature of the State of South Dakota duly convened in recess session in recognition of the useful lives and unflinching devotion to the interests of the State of South Dakota, as well as the rectitude of thought and action and fidelity to the highest principles of American citizenship by these honorable people, that the Senate and the House of Representatives do now pause in their labors out of respect for the memory of their late fellow associates in the functions of government, and note that in their passing, the state they have served so well has suffered a distinct loss, and though their labors have ceased and they have been laid to rest, the people of this great state have benefited greatly from the services rendered by them and they have left upon the sands of time an inspiring record of devotion to their fellow citizens under the guiding hand of Almighty God; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that this Resolution be printed in the Journals of the Senate and the House of Representatives of the Ninety-sixth Session of the Legislature of the State of South Dakota, now assembled this 21st day of January, 2021, at Pierre, South Dakota.



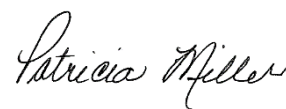
Larry Rhoden  
President of the Senate



Spencer Gosch  
Speaker of the House



Kay L. Johnson  
Secretary of the Senate



Patricia Miller  
Chief Clerk of the House



# *James (Jim) Arnold Bradford*

*South Dakota* October 18, 1933 – November 16, 2020

Married to Dorothy Hicks

Father to Debra, James (dec.), David, Teddy (dec.), Teresa,  
Jack (dec.) and Tracie

Married to Shirlee Bettelyoun

Father to Justin, Misty, Stacey, Tyson, and Kobe

Jim was born October 18, 1933. Born and raised in Parmelee, SD, he graduated from Bennett County High School in 1951.

Jim was a coach and referee for many years and owned several businesses. The sport of rodeo and his rodeo family were an important part of his life. He became an elementary teacher and spent his career at the Wolf Creek Elementary School.

Jim began his political career in 2000. He spent several terms in both the State House of Representatives and the State Senate. He enjoyed his time as a politician and liked to debate about his views.

*House of Representatives (D) 2001-2008*

*Senate (R) 2009-2010, Senate (D) 2011-2016*

*Bennett, Haakon, Jackson, Oglala Lakota,*

*Pennington Counties*



# *Lance A. Carson*

*December 3, 1945 – October 14, 2020*

**Married to Donna Mae Downs**

Lance was born December 3, 1945, in Madison, SD. A native of Nunda, he graduated from Rutland High School and Southern State Teachers College in Springfield, SD, with a degree in Auto Technology. Lance served in the U.S. Army during the Vietnam War with the 25th Infantry Division and was awarded the Bronze Star.

Upon his return from Vietnam, he purchased a gas station and auto repair shop in Brookings. In 1979, he and his wife moved to Mitchell and opened Lance's Interstate Amoco that would be a staple in the community for 25 years.

Lance said that he never dreamed about running for state legislator but was encouraged to do so by friends. When he got to Pierre, he helped develop a meth treatment program at the South Dakota Women's Prison, helped set the table for the state's criminal justice reform in 2013, and also served for many years on the House Appropriations Committee.

Lance served as Chairman of the Corn Palace Stampede Rodeo as well as the board for the Badlands Circuit Finals Rodeo. He also chaired the South Dakota State Fair Commission and was awarded the Bob Duxbury Award for his service to the SD State Fair. Lance was a member of the Palace City Lions Club, Davison County Republicans and many other organizations. The establishment of the Veteran's Park on Main Street was a project that was dear to Lance's heart.

*House of Representatives (R)*

*2007-2014, 2017-2018*

*Aurora, Davison, Jerauld, Counties*



*South Dakota*

*Bernard (Bernie) W.  
Christenson*

*April 17, 1938 – January 31, 2020*

Married to Karen Liebelt

Father to Brad, Brian and Kathy

Married to Sally Welsh

Father to Nathan and Macy

Bernie was born April 17, 1938, in Britton, SD. He served in the U.S. Army from 1958-60. He received a B.A. degree in 1963 from SDSU and a M.S.S. degree from the University of South Dakota in 1978. Christenson worked for the South Dakota Division of Criminal Investigation from 1962-83 and then was employed at BankWest. He was the president of the FBI National Academy graduates in 1983 and the campaign chairman for Senator James Abdnor in Hughes County in 1986. He was named the South Dakota Flight Instructor of the Year and South Dakota Aviation Safety Counselor of the year.

Bernie served in the House of Representatives from 1985-87 representing Hughes, Potter and Sully Counties. He was elected assistant majority whip and was instrumental in passage of legislation to construct the South Dakota Cultural Heritage Center.

Bernie was the first Executive Director of the South Dakota Community Foundation. He was active in Masons, Consistory, Shrine, Pierre Area Chamber of Commerce, Elks, Rotary, and SD Peace Officers Association. He was inducted into the South Dakota Hall of Fame and the South Dakota Aviation Hall of Fame. Bernie was a pilot for the State of South Dakota.

*House of Representatives (R)*

*1985-1987*

*Hughes, Potter, Sully Counties*



# *Justin R. Cronin*

*October 9, 1980 – November 11, 2020*

Married to Deb Hanson

Father to Sierra, Autumn, Colt, and Kea

Justin was born October 9, 1980, in Sioux Falls, SD. He graduated from Gettysburg High School in 1999. He received a Bachelor of Arts in Business Management from the University of St. Thomas in St. Paul, MN, in 2003.

He and Deb Hanson were married on December 31, 2010.

Politics were a large part of Justin's life. He found it an honor to serve the people of District 23, which he did from 2009 – 2017, serving in the SD House of Representatives. From 2011-2015, he was the assistant majority leader and he served as the chair of the Appropriations Committee from 2015-2017.

He continued his service as a Senator for District 23 from 2017-2019. Justin also had the privilege of serving on the National Conference of State Legislators (NCSL); serving on several committees and task forces to include: founding co-chair of the Agriculture Task Force, member of the State and Local Tax Task Force, and a vice-chair of the Natural Resources and Infrastructure Committee. He was also instrumental in getting legislation passed for the SD vs. Wayfair decision from the United States Supreme Court as well as being an active participant in the NCSL Leaders Programs.

His involvement in the American Legislative Exchange Council (ALEC) included serving as a member of the Energy Environment Committee.

*House of Representatives (R) 2009-2016*

*Senate (R) 2017-2019*

*Campbell, Edmunds, Faulk, Hand, Hyde, McPherson,  
Potter, Spink, Walworth Counties*



*South Dakota*

*Robert (Bob) E.*

*Glanzer*

*September 13, 1945 – April 3, 2020*

Married to Penny Glanzer

Father to Sally and Tom

Robert “Bob” was born September 13, 1945, in Huron, SD. He graduated from James Valley Christian School in 1963. He graduated from Tabor College in Hillsboro, Kansas, in 1967, with a business degree and a physical education minor.

Bob and Penny Glanzer were married in Bethel Church, rural Yale, on August 2, 1968. In the fall of 1968, Bob began teaching and coaching at Wessington Springs High School until 1975.

The family moved to Huron in 1975, when Bob was named the manager of the South Dakota State Fair, where he worked until 1979. He then started his banking career at Farmers and Merchants Bank. He continued in banking until retiring from American Bank & Trust in 2012. He was elected to the South Dakota State House of Representatives in 2017, where he proudly and tirelessly served the people of South Dakota, until his death.

*House of Representatives (R)*

*2017-2020*

*Beadle, Kingsbury Counties*



*South Dakota*

# *Patrick Allan Kirschman*

*November 3, 1954 – March 19, 2020*

Patrick was born November 3, 1954, in Sioux Falls, SD. He graduated from Washington High School in 1973 and South Dakota State University in 1978 with a Bachelor of Science in Rural Sociology and History.

Patrick was employed by Metz Baking Company/Sara Lee Baking Group for 26 years. He served in four positions with the Sioux Falls Bakers Local #433 culminating with the position of Union Chairman. Patrick was proud of his membership in the BCT & GM (Bakery, Confectionery, Tobacco Workers and Grain Millers International Union) which is affiliated with the AFL-CIO and CLC.

Patrick was elected and re-elected three times to represent District 15 in the South Dakota House of Representatives and served from 2009-2016. He strived to improve the lives of working people not only of District 15, but across the entire state of South Dakota.

The highlight of his political career was being the first recipient of the George McGovern Grassroots Award.

*House of Representatives (D)*

*2009-2016*

*Minnehaha County*



# *Milton (Milt) Lakness*

*April 22, 1934 - November 28, 2020*

Married to Benita Stormo

Father to Nathan, Joe, Stephanie, and Naomi

Milton “Milt” was born April 22, 1934, northwest of Hazel, SD. He graduated from Hazel High School and became part of the Stormo family farming operation near Hayti.

Milt and Benita were married February 20, 1954.

In 1974, Milt was elected to the South Dakota State House of Representatives, a position he held for 6 years. He enjoyed being involved in politics and fought hard for agriculture. He sponsored a bill that started the SD High School Football Playoffs and was a past-president of the National Sunflower Council.

*House of Representatives (R)*

*1975-1980*

*Hamlin, Kingsbury, Beadle,*

*Clark Counties*



*Theresa “Huck”*

*Bernice Two Bulls*

*South Dakota* October 23, 1949 – November 21, 2020

Married to Ellis Steve Brings Him Back, Jr. (dec.)

Mother to Shawna, Will, Jody, Shane, Ellis, and Elise

Theresa was born October 25, 1949, in Pine Ridge, SD. She attended Pine Ridge High School and received a two-year degree in Business Administration from Haskell Junior College, then went on to law school and passed the bar. In 2003, Theresa became a tribal prosecutor for the State Attorney General’s Office in South Dakota. In 2004, she was elected as a Democrat to the South Dakota Senate, representing the 27th District.

Theresa was the first American Indian woman elected to the state Legislature. She went on to serve as president of the Oglala Sioux Tribe of the Pine Ridge Reservation, the second woman to serve in this position.

*Senate (D)*

*2005-2008*

*Bennett, Haakon, Jackson, Oglala Lakota,*

*Todd Counties*



# *Alfred (Al) Waltman*

*September 18, 1930 – August 30, 2020*

Married to Sally Von Eschen

Father to Allen, Julie, Roger, Lisa, Ron, Greg, Sandra,  
Brian, Chris, Brad (dec.)

Alfred “Al” was born September 18, 1930, in Brown County, SD. He attended rural Carlisle Township Grade School and Central High School in Aberdeen. Al then enlisted in the U.S. Air Force where he earned a Good Conduct Medal and served in the Korean War from 1950 until 1954.

He and Sally Von Eschen were married July 4, 1959.

Al was active in his community and known for his public service. He served on several boards including the Carlisle Township Board, South Dakota Wheat Growers, Northern Electric Coop and the Brown County Zoning Board. He also served as Chairman of the Brown County Democrats. Al served in the SD Legislature from 1987 until 2000, where he proudly earned the nickname “Grumpy.” Despite this title he was regarded as a true gentleman and a statesman who had a soft spot for those in need.

*House of Representatives (D)*


*1987-2000*

*Brown County*

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