Charles Ray Schlawin

March 5, 1931 — July 26, 2014


Charlie was born March 5, 1931, at the family farm in rural Cochrane to Walter and Hilda (Hilgert) Schlawin. After graduating from Cochrane High School, he joined the U.S. Marine Corps. He proudly served during the Korean War from 1949 to 1956. Following his tour of duty, he returned to the family farms where he spent the rest of his days caring for the land and for his beloved livestock. He managed to grow a substantial herd of Polled Herefords which remain today. He married Judy Wilsey Sept. 3, 1966, and they had two children, Susan (Beseler) and Annette. Over the past 16 years, Charlie’s granddaughter, Brianna Beseler, had been the biggest joy of his life. He shared many stories with her and they always shared a special goodbye until they met again. Charlie liked deer and turkey hunting, golfing and most of all enjoyed the outdoors. Charlie loved life and over the years shared so many adventures with his dearest friends, Wally, Lyle and Boyd just to name a few. He was always there to help family, neighbors and friends with whatever work needed to be done. He dedicated his life to his farms and family. His kindness is the legacy he leaves with all who knew him.

He is survived by his two daughters, Susan (Don Baloun) and Annette; his only granddaughter, Brianna Beseler; sister, Marilyn (Simonson); and nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his beloved wife, Judy; his parents; and his brother, Wallace.

A visitation will be from 4 to 7 p.m. today at Talbot Family Funeral Home in Cochrane. The funeral service will be 11 a.m. with visitation one hour prior Wednesday at Central Lutheran Church in Winona.

Condolences and memories may be shared with the family at www.talbotfuneralhomes.com.