



Burnell Richard Gaskins

Burnell Richard Gaskins was born February 27, 1935, in Rapid City to Charles and Pearl (Sell) Gaskins. After graduating from high school, he joined his father in cabinet making.

On June 6, 1953, he married Helen Dell in Rapid City. The couple moved to Avon, SD, where they farmed for a short time. They returned to the Rapid City

area where he continued to build cabinets. Burnell started as a lineman for Northwestern Bell in 1953. After 31 years of service, he retired and later moved to Nisland.

In 1989, Burnell and Helen visited every west river county seat by team and wagon with the SD Centennial Wagon Train. They paraded their team into the South Dakota State Fair in Huron.

Burnell was a charter member of the Muzzleloaders of the Black Hills, member of the Telephone Pioneers, life member of the National Rifle Association, and a Diamond Life Member of the National Wild Turkey Federation. He was an avid gun enthusiast and loved to hunt and fish. He also loved World War II History especially, aviation and the airplanes. He will be remembered for "Bernie's bread and buns."

Burnell, 77, Nisland, died Tuesday, May 29, 2012, at the Rapid City Regional Hospital Hospice House.

Survivors include his wife, Helen Gaskins, Nisland; one daughter, Sandy (Tom) Ashmore, Rapid City; one son, Randy (Jennifer) Gaskins, Sturgis; one sister, Glorene Plambeck, Clatskanie, OR; 8 grandchildren; 10 great-grandchildren; and several "adopted" sons.

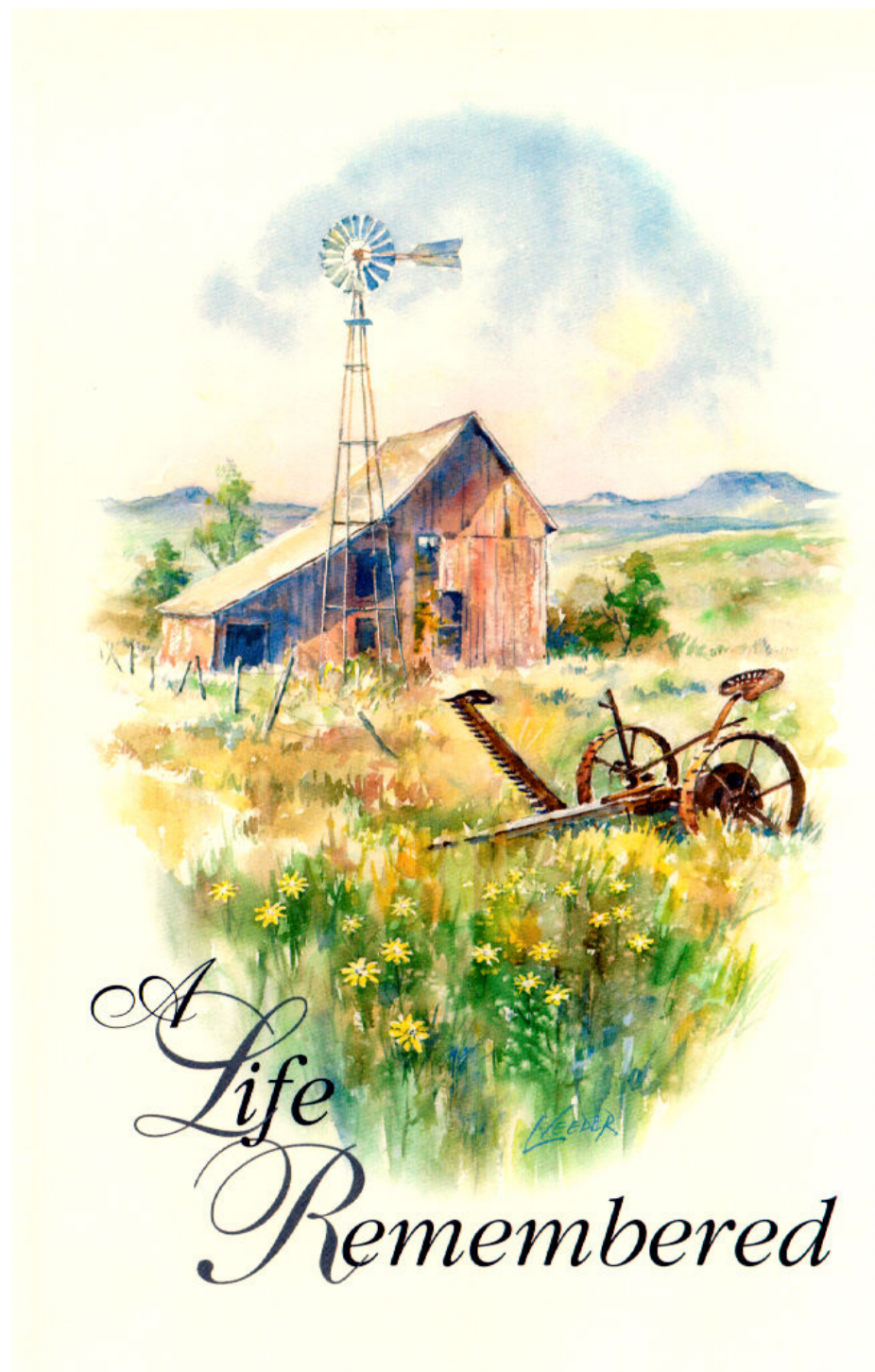
He was preceded in death by his parents, one sister, three brothers, one sister-in-law, and one brother-in-law.

Memorials have been established to the American Cancer Society and the Rapid City Regional Hospital Hospice House.

Condolences may be sent to the family at www.kinkadefunerals.com.

The family invites everyone to a time of fellowship and lunch in the church hall immediately following the funeral service.

We thank you for your presence and condolences.





I'm Free

*Don't grieve for me,
for now I'm free
I'm following the path
God has laid you see.
I took His hand
when I heard His call
I turned my back and left it all.*

*I could not stay another day
To laugh, to love,
to work or play.
Tasks left undone
must stay that way
I found the peace
at the close of day.*

*If my parting has left a void
Then fill it with remembered joys - -
A friendship shared, a laugh, a kiss
Oh yes, these things I too will miss.*

*Be not burdened with times of sorrow.
I wish you the sunshine of tomorrow.
My life's been full, I savored much,
Good friends, good times, a loved one's touch.*

*Perhaps my time seemed all too brief - -
Don't lengthen it now with undue grief.
Lift up your hearts, and peace to thee - -
God wanted me now: He set me free.*

***In Loving Memory Of
Burnell Richard Gaskins***

Born

February 27, 1935
Rapid City, South Dakota

Died

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Funeral Service

Saturday, June 2, 2012, at 11:00 a.m.
Nisland Independent Community Church

Officiating

Pastor Doug Clark

Special Music

Alice Marrs ~ Faith Shuck
LeAnne Clark

Musical Selections

"The Old Rugged Cross"
"Amazing Grace"
"One Day At A Time"
"How Great Thou Art"

Pallbearers

Albert Rankin ~ Randy Gaskins ~ Calvin Fickbaum
Doug Stanley ~ Jerry Atkinson ~ Tom Ashmore

Honorary Pallbearers

Paul Marrs ~ Neil Shuck ~ Dan McCune ~ Gary Brunner
Steve Goff ~ Bruce Brunner ~ Carroll Cash ~ Jim Jensen
Rev. Carl Lundgren ~ Stan Brumbaugh
And all Members of the Church

Interment

Rose Hill Cemetery
Spearfish, South Dakota