

Ramsey Lee Kendall



Ramsey Lee Kendall was born in Westover, SD, to Nordine and Carrie (Smith) Kendall on January 16, 1931. As a youngster, he moved to Custer where he graduated high school, achieved the highest rank of Eagle Scout, and joined the Custer National Guard in 1947 at the young age of 16. In August of 1950, his unit was alerted for active duty to the Korean War. The unit members were informed of overseas movements and then shipped to Alaska in early 1951.

He married Ardeth Hicks on October 24, 1952.

Shortly thereafter, they moved to Philip, SD, where they had four children: two sons, Steven L. and Douglas A.; and two daughters, Karen M. and Rebecca S.

While in Philip, he was deeply involved in the community participating in Boy Scouts, School Board, Fire Department, Ambulance Crew, and many other areas involving the entire community and for the betterment of the community. He was instrumental in organizing the first Philip National Guard unit in 1956 where he worked full time.

After his discharge in January 1975, he pursued a career in insurance sales, income tax preparations, along with being a part-time justice of the peace.

In 1978, Ramsey and Ardeth moved back to the Black Hills, where he sold insurance in Deadwood, Lead, and the surrounding area, until 2005 when he retired and they moved to Rapid City. Ardeth preceded him in death in 2010.

In 2013, he met up with an old friend, Kay Hall, at a funeral, at which time they got together, marrying May 2014. In the three short years of marriage, they enjoyed traveling and spending winters in Arizona.

Ramsey Lee Kendall passed away in Rapid City on June 14, 2017, with his family by his side.

He leaves behind Steven, Douglas (Donna), Karen Hanson, and Rebecca Kendall, along with Pam Kendall and bonus children, Daniel Hall, Bonnie Hall, Lonnie Hall, and Konnie Hall-Grass; five grandchildren; six great-grandchildren; five bonus grandchildren; two bonus great-grandchildren; one brother, Norval G. Kendall; two sisters, Thelma June (Lyle) Koerper and Phyllis A. Boggs (Everett Morsett); and numerous nieces and nephews.

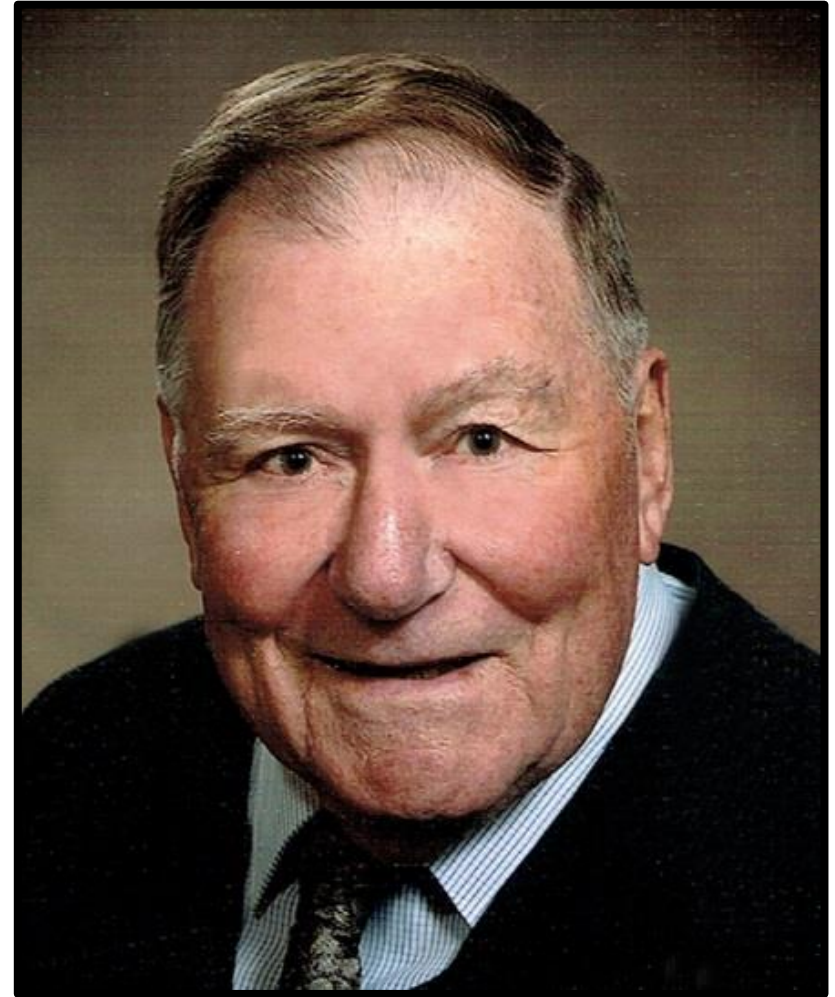
He was preceded in death by Ardeth and his parents, Nordine H. and Carrie Lee Kendall.

Being blessed with a cherished man, whose great love for his family was never ending, he will be truly missed.

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

The family would like to invite you to join them for fellowship and lunch following services in the church basement. We thank you for your presence and condolences.

In Loving Memory Of



Ramsey Lee Kendall

1931 ~ 2017



Safely Home

*I am home in Heaven, dear ones;
Oh, so happy and so bright!
There is perfect joy and beauty
In this everlasting light.*

*All the pain and grief is over,
Every restless tossing passed;
I am now at peace forever,
Safely home in Heaven at last.*

*Did you wonder why I so calmly
Trode the valley of the shade?
Oh! But Jesus' love illumined
Every dark and fearful glade.*

*And He came himself to meet me
In that way so hard to tread,
And with Jesus' arm to lean on,
Could I have one doubt or dread?*

*Then you must not grieve so sorely;
For I love you dearly still;
Try to look beyond earth's shadows,
Pray to trust our Father's Will.*

*There is work still waiting for you,
So you must not idly stand;
Do it now, while life remaineth -
You shall rest in Jesus' land.*

*When that work is all completed,
He will gently call you home;
Oh, the rapture of that meeting,
Oh, the joy to see you come!*



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Born

January 16, 1931
Westover, South Dakota

Died

June 14, 2017
Rapid City, South Dakota

Funeral Service

Monday, June 19, 2017 at 10:00 a.m.
Canyon Lake United Methodist Church
Rapid City, South Dakota

Officiant

Pastor Eric Grinager

Musical Selections

"Precious Savior, Take My Hand"
"Softly and Tenderly"

Pallbearers

Andy Kainz ~ Sam Lockhart ~ Nate Andelt
Jared Chilstrom ~ Michael Kendall ~ Blake Kainz ~ Ashton Lockhart

Honorary Pallbearers

All Family and Friends

Military Honors

Sturgis Veterans Honor Guard

Interment

Black Hills National Cemetery
Sturgis, South Dakota