

Darrel Dean Wooledge



Darrel Dean Wooledge was born June 1, 1926, Bijou Hills, SD, to Desmond Denver and Amy Olive (Burger) Wooledge. He grew up on the family farm at Gann Valley, SD. He attended country school and high school in Gann Valley.

Darrel worked on the farm until he joined the United States Army. He served in the United States Army 101st Airborne 10th Infantry known as "The Screaming Eagles." He was honorably discharged before returning to the family farm.

Darrel married Elizabeth Jane Kormendy on November 23, 1958, in Miller, SD. In this union, they were blessed with two daughters, Teresa Marie and Melanie Dawn. They remained on the farm until August 1963. They moved to Gann Valley, where Dean had an insurance agency. In April 1983, they moved to Pierre, where they managed a motel. During this time, they were blessed to help raise their grandson, Joshua James Wooledge. In August 1997, they moved to Whitewood, SD, and they moved to Sturgis in August 2006.

Darrel worked in various casinos in Deadwood. Darrel was a square dance caller for about 25 years, and because of this hobby, Darrel and Betty made a lot of friends in a four-state area. He was also an active member of the Masonic Lodge for 65 years and a lifetime member of the El Riad Shrine.

Darrel, 87, Sturgis, died September 4, 2013, while in hospice care at the Ft. Meade Veteran's Hospital.

He is survived by his wife, Betty, Sturgis; daughters, Teresa (Fred) Forton, Lander, WY, and Melanie (Scott) Fuerst, Pierre, SD; three sisters, Evelyn (Orv) Charlson, Pierre, SD, Neva Taylor, Port Orchard, WA, and Faye (Richard) Fink, Sutherlin, OR; two sister-in-laws, Janice Kormendy, Hobbs, NM, and Avis Wooledge, Sioux Falls, SD; seven grandchildren, Joshua Wooledge, Bismarck, ND, Wesley Stone, Lander, WY, Derek Stone, Dickinson, ND, and Josiah, Jennie, Jacob and James Fuerst, all of Pierre; and two great-granddaughters, Chloe and Sophie Fuerst.

He was preceded in death by his parents; one brother, Desmond Dale; and his brother-in-laws, Daryl Taylor, Ernest Kormendy, and Forrest Alldritt.

A memorial has been established.

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

*The family invites you to join them for fellowship and lunch
at the Sturgis Vet's Club following the committal service.
We thank you for your presence and condolences.*



*In Loving
Memory Of*

***Darrel Dean
Wooledge***

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God saw he was getting tired
and a cure was not to be
So He put His arms around him
And whispered "come to Me."
With tearful eyes we watched him suffer
And saw him fade away
Although we loved him dearly
We could not make him stay.
A golden heart stopped beating
Hardworking hands to rest
God broke our hearts to prove to us
He takes the very best.

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Born

June 1, 1926
Bijou Hills, South Dakota

Died

September 4, 2013
Fort Meade, South Dakota

Funeral Service

Friday, September 6, 2013, at 1:00 p.m.
St. Thomas Episcopal Church

Officiating

The Rev. Kay Jennings

Accompanist

Marlene Kotab

Congregational Hymn

"The Old Rugged Cross"

Pallbearers

Joshua Wooledge ~ Wesley Stone ~ Derek Stone
Jacob Fuerst ~ James Fuerst ~ Jennie Fuerst

Honorary Pallbearers

Masonic Brothers
Josia Fuerst

Interment

Black Hills National Cemetery
Sturgis, South Dakota