

Michael Raymond Philipsen was born to Gary and Marilyn Philipsen on November 18, 1980, in Belle Fourche, South Dakota. He joined sisters, Karen, Kathy, and Gerri. Later he tried to leave his little sister, Melissa, at the hospital!

As a young boy he enjoyed playing with his trucks and Legos. When it was time for him to start school, he didn't want to go because there was no refrigerator in the classroom! He attended all 13 years of school in Newell, graduating in 1999.

After graduation he had many jobs; building houses, roads, and any job his dad needed help with. Lately his favorite job was running the paver for Anderson Western – he had found his niche, really enjoying the job.

Mike loved spending time with his kids and his dogs. Also, you could find him, with a bag of popcorn in his hands at their games. Mike and his dad raised sheep together and he eventually built up his own herd. Mike and his dad enjoyed their time together doing many projects around the farm.

Mike passed away at his home in Vale, SD, on October 23, 2022.

He is survived by his parents, Gary and Marilyn Philipsen of Vale, SD; sisters, Karen (Phil) Thornhill of Newell, SD, Kathy (Loren) Opstedahl of Union Center, SD, Melissa Mahaffey and special friend Ben Wetz of Vale; daughters, Skyler, Elizabeth, and Hailey; numerous nephews and nieces; one great niece; and two great nephews.

Mike was preceded in death by his paternal grandparents, Raymond and Rachel Philipsen; maternal grandparents, Gerald and Mary Lauer; and his sister, Gerri.

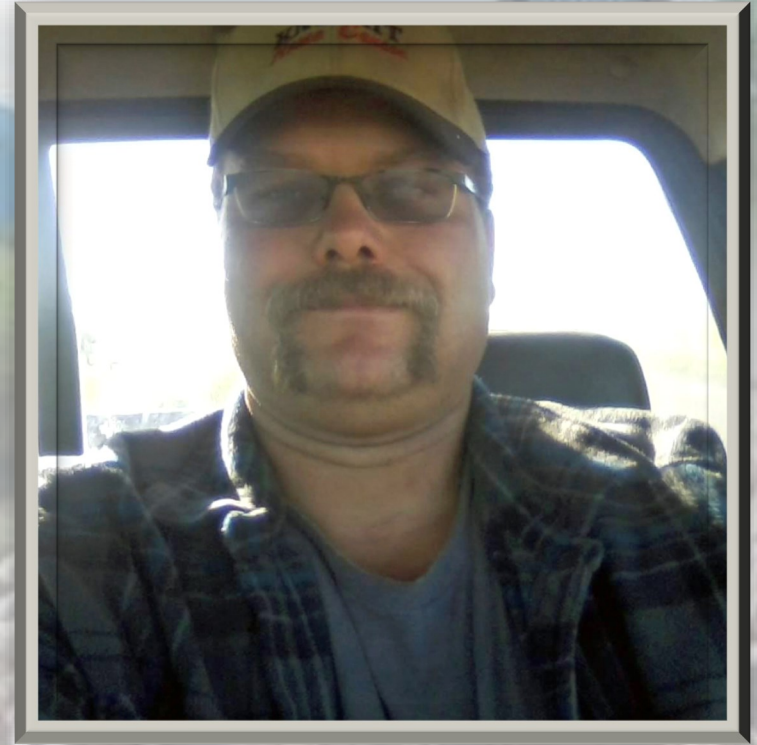
In Lieu of flowers a memorial has been established to the Vale Community Club, Vale Cemetery, and the Vale Fire Department.

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



*The family invites you to join them for lunch and fellowship
at the Vale Community Hall, following the burial.*

Thank you for your presence and condolences.



In Loving Memory Of
Michael Raymond Philipsen
November 18, 1980 ~ October 23, 2022



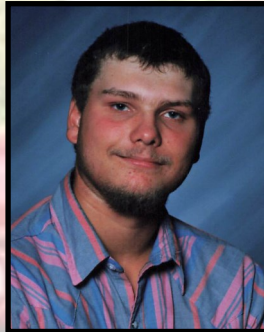
When I'm Gone

When I come to the end of my journey
And I travel my last weary mile,
Just forget if you can, that I ever
frowned
And only remember the smile.
Forget unkind words I have spoken;
Remember some good I have done.
Forget that I ever had heartache
And remember I've had loads of fun.



Forget that I've stumbled
and blundered
And sometimes fell by the way.
Remember I have fought some
hard battles
And won, ere the close of the day.
Then forget to grieve for my going,
I would not have you sad for a day,
But in summer just gather some
flowers

And remember the place where I
lay,
And come in the shade of evening
When the sun paints the sky in the
west.
Stand for a few moments beside me
And remember only my best.



In Loving Memory Of Michael Raymond Philipsen

Born

November 18, 1980
Belle Fourche, South Dakota

Died

October 23, 2022
Vale, South Dakota

Funeral Service

Friday, October 28, 2022, at 10:00 a.m.
First Presbyterian Church
Sturgis, South Dakota

Officiant

Pastor Harold Delbridge

Music

"Amazing Grace" "The Old Rugged Cross"
"Rock of Ages"

Pallbearers

Trenton Opstedahl Tyler Opstedahl
Tayler Opstedahl Tadlee Opstedahl
Clint Baker Brian Baker Brad Baker

Honorary Pallbearers

Skyler Grenstiner Elizabeth Philipsen
Hailey Philipsen Stacey Mahaffey
Mary Mahaffey Bethany Mahaffey

Final Resting Place

Vale Cemetery
Vale, South Dakota