

Leo Nicholas Gottwald

Leo Nicholas Gottwald, 86, passed away at Fort Meade VA Hospital, Fort Meade, SD, Sunday, July 14, 2024.

Leo was born December 5, 1937 in Lake Henry, Minnesota and baptized at St. Margaret's Catholic Church in Lake Henry. He was the youngest son born to Joseph and Angela (Weidner) Gottwald. He grew up on a farm just outside of town.

He served in the US Army from 1956-1958. Following basic training at Ft. Leonard Wood, Missouri he was stationed to Kaiserslautern, Germany. Following his discharge from the army his working life included farming, a mechanic at John Deere, and a coast-to-coast truck driver; visiting all of the states but Alaska.

He married Mavis Ann Frasier on June 2, 1962 in Spearfish, SD. To this union four children were born; Sheila Loretta, Patricia Evelyn, Leonard Joseph, and Pamela Marie. They would later divorce

Leo married Ruby Timberman on July 21, 2001 in Miles City, Montana. To this union he gained two additional children; sons, Alan and Craig.

He was a fantastic storyteller and always loved a good joke. Visiting with friends and family was always a favorite activity; along with working on and collecting old tractors and farm equipment.

Leo was preceded in death by his parents, 11 siblings and their spouses, and grandson, Patrick Wintermote.

Those left to celebrate his life include his wife, Ruby; children, Sheila (Dave) Rosno, Patti (Rick) Wobig, Leonard (Stephanie) Gottwald, Pam Aguallo, Alan (Danette) Christiansen, and Craig Christiansen; eight grandchildren, four step grandchildren, seven great grandchildren, six step great grandchildren, and one on the way!

Condolences may be left for the family at www.kinkadefunerals.com.

Thank you for your presence and condolences.

In Loving Memory Of ***Leo Nicholas Gottwald*** *December 5, 1937 ~ July 14, 2024*



The Final Flight

*Don't grieve for me, for now I'm free,
I'm following the path God laid for me.*

*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 that peace at the end of the day.*

*If my parting has left a void,
Then fill it with remembered joys.*

*A friendship shared, a laugh, a kiss,
Ah 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' touch.*

*Perhaps my time seemed all too brief,
Don't lengthen it now with undue grief.*

*Lift up your heart and share with me,
God wanted me Now, He set me free.*

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Born

December 5, 1937
Lake Henry, Minnesota

Died

July 14, 2024
Fort Meade, South Dakota

Graveside Service

Friday, July 19, 2024, 9:30 a.m.
Black Hills National Cemetery
Sturgis, South Dakota

Officiant

Rick Wobig

Pallbearers

Leonard Gottwald Isabel Shultz Austin Wobig
Riley Wobig Dave Rosno Alan Christiansen
Marcus Christiansen Tristen Jelley

Military Honors

SD National Guard
Sturgis VFW Honor Guard

Final Resting Place

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