



Dave Wall
1939 ~ 2013



Amendment II

A well regulated Militia, being necessary to the security of a free State, the right of the people to keep and bear Arms, shall not be infringed.

The Family extends an invitation to join them in fellowship and refreshments at the Sidehack Saloon following today's services.



He'll Always Be Remembered

*He'll always be remembered
As a man, both strong and good,
Who gave his best for others
And who did the best he could.
He'll always be remembered
For all the joy he brought,
As a man who made a difference
And a man who meant a lot.*

In Loving Memory

David Thomas Wall

Born

October 24, 1939
Deadwood, South Dakota

Died

November 1, 2013
Fort Meade, South Dakota

Funeral Services

Thursday, November 7, 2013 at 2:00 p.m.
Kinkade Funeral Chapel

Clergy

Pastor Herbert B. Cleveland

Special Music

"The Dance"
"Live Like You Were Dying"
"Pretty Good At Drinkin Beer"

Pallbearers

Jim Dempsey ~ John Steeves ~ Rick Jonason
Terri Smith ~ Kenneth Roberts ~ John Downey

All Friends and Family are considered Honorary Pallbearers

Interment

Bear Butte Cemetery

Military Honors

Sturgis Veterans Honor Guard



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He is survived by his wife, Shirley, Sturgis and Wright, WY; son, Andrew (Lisa) Doell, Newell, SD; sisters, Thomasa (Al) Leenknecht, Custer, SD, and Jean Urban, Issaquah, WA. Survivors also include nieces, Peggy (Rob) Roberts, Rapid City, SD, and Kathy (Vyrn) Urban, Issaquah, WA; nephews, Dale Leenknecht, Custer, SD, Michael (Dorothy) Urban, Renton, WA; and sister-in-law, Lorna (John) Moline, Gooding, ID.

He was preceded in death by his parents; brother, Shelby Wall; nephew, Carl Leenknecht; niece, Sarah Graham; and brother-in-law, Arlo Urban.

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