



Vance Eloi Gillies

Vance was born on September 3, 1947, to Bryce and Jeannette (Deschamps) Gillies.

He lived most of his life in and around the Sturgis area. He was a member of the South Dakota National Guard, a Meade County Deputy Sheriff, and a Sturgis Jaycee in his younger years. He was also a proud member of the Western South Dakota Buckaroos in his later life.

Vance was well known for his story telling and for providing his unvarnished opinions, even with complete strangers. Vance Eloi Gillies, 71, of Sturgis, passed away Thursday, November 15, 2018, at Sturgis Regional Healthcare.

He is survived by his wife of 43 years, Kathy; two sons, Kelly, Sturgis, and Jason (Carrie), Colorado Springs; two adorable grandsons, Brady and Jedrek; his mother, Jeannette Jackson, Sturgis; one brother, Boyce (Cindy), Whitewood; two sisters, Regina (Jim) Bowman, Sundance, and Penny Nyberg, Chadron, NE; mother-in-law, Dorothy Sedlacek, Scotland; sister-in-law, Sandy (Roger) Sykora, Tyndall; and numerous aunts, uncles, cousins, nieces, nephews, and friends.

In lieu of flowers, a memorial has been established to the Western South Dakota Buckaroos Scholarship Fund.

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



In Loving Memory Of



Vance Eloi Gillies

1947 ~ 2018

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



Buckaroo Departing Poem

Can you think of a better way to die.
 Than riding a horse neath a clean clear sky?
 With the sun just coming over the prairie ridge
 And the early light just forming a bride
 Between the dark of the night and the light of the day,
 I just don't think there's a better way to die.
 Another friend has crossed the divide
 His spirit taking that final ride.
 The horse he is riding is led by a friend of his,
 That fulfills the deal this last ride to give.
 The deal was made a long time before his final rest.
 The one to lead the horse was the one that was left,
 It's only fitting that he is riding with a friend
 As his spirit's last ride comes to an end.



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Memorial Service

Monday, November 19, 2018, at 10:00 a.m.
 St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Church
 Sturgis, South Dakota

Celebrant

Deacon John Osnes

Accompanist

Wayne Richards

Cantor

Myron Volk

Musical Selections

"On Eagle's Wings" "The Old Rugged Cross"
 "In The Garden" "The Cowboy Rides Away"

Inurnment

At A Later Date