

Delbert "Sonny" Lloyd Harbaugh, Jr., was born May 23, 1932, in Rapid City, SD, in a house that later washed away in the flood of 1972. He lived on Haines Avenue until age 11 when his father landed a job at the Black Hills Ordnance Depot in Igloo, SD. He graduated from Provo High School in 1950. He attended Black Hills Teaching College (now Black Hills State University) where he met the love of his life in a PE dance class.

During the Korean conflict, he enlisted in the US Army in 1953. The ceasefire agreement was reached during boot camp. He was trained as a radio operator and artillery radio mechanic and awarded the National Defense Service Medal/Army of Occupation Medal (Germany).

Upon returning to civilian life, he married Barb May 11, 1955, then completed his BS Degree in math and industrial arts education in 1957.

He became the high school math teacher in Ft. Pierre, SD, (57-59) then later worked in Edgemont (59-62). With their newly adopted daughter, Sharen, and baby, Steve, on the way, the couple moved to Boston, MA, where he pursued a MA in Math at Boston College. They returned to South Dakota when he accepted a high school math teaching job in Spearfish, SD, (1963-69). They welcomed their third child, Staci, in 1967. The family moved to Sundance, WY, in 1969 where Del served as a school administrator for 20 years.

After retiring from education, he and his son built the couple's dream home near Nemo, SD. He also returned to teaching for 2 years at the BH job corp.

Del was kind, witty, patient, and optimistic. He had many hobbies and interests, most notably, collecting and restoring classic Chevy automobiles. He participated in car club activities, tours, and car shows all over the country, earning several awards. He was an avid collector and repairman of clocks. He enjoyed traveling, trips to Deadwood, and singing in a local chorus. He was always game for a round of cribbage and sometimes, he would let you win. He loved to be outdoors to fish, boat, sail, camp, ice-skate, golf, hike, garden, cut firewood, snowmobile, or hunt.

Del, 87, Rapid City, died June 21, 2019, due to a pulmonary embolus while recovering from a femur fracture.

Left to cherish his memory are his three children, Sharen Harbaugh, Cheyenne, WY, Steve (Melinda) Harbaugh, Rapid City, SD, Staci (Shawn) Fethkenher, Ponca, NE; granddaughters, Kelsea and Kortney Fethkenher, Ponca, NE, and Hadley Harbaugh, Rapid City, SD; sisters, Carol (Jack) Pengra and Donna Parks, both of Rapid City, SD; brother, Don (Carol) Harbaugh, Sunnyvale, CA; several generations of nieces, nephews, and cousins; and many friends.

Del was preceded in death by his wife of nearly 45 years, Barbara Bennett Harbaugh; granddaughter, Jaci Lynn; parents, Delbert and Julia (Wagner) Harbaugh; mother-in-law, Ruth (Bratton) Bennett; father-in-law, Kenneth Otto Bennett; brother-in-law, Johnny Parks; sister-in-law, Shirley (Marsteller) Harbaugh; and nephew, Carl Dee Pengra.

Del esteemed his family, his country, and friends. There was no situation that could suppress his optimism or take away his smile for long. His example of a life well lived will continue in those who knew and loved him.

Condolences may be sent to the family at [www.kinkadefunerals.com](http://www.kinkadefunerals.com).

*The family invites you to join them for fellowship and lunch at the Loud American immediately following the graveside service. We thank you for your presence and condolences.*

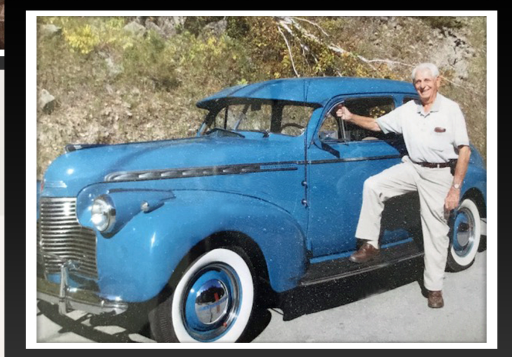
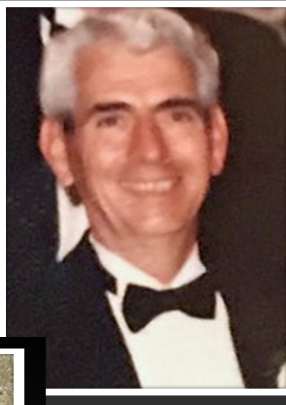


*In Loving Memory*

*Delbert "Sonny" Lloyd Harbaugh, Jr.*

*May 23, 1932 ~ June 21, 2019*





### *"A Successful Man"*

*That man is a success who has lived well,  
 Laughed often and loved much;  
 Who has gained the respect of others and the love of children;  
 Who has filled his niche and accomplished his task;  
 Who leaves the world better than he found it;  
 Who has never lacked appreciation of Earth's beauty  
 or failed to express it;  
 Who looked for the best in others  
 And gave the best he had.*



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### ***Date of Birth***

May 23, 1932  
 Rapid City, South Dakota

### ***Date of Death***

June 21, 2019  
 Rapid City, South Dakota

### ***Funeral Service***

Wednesday, June 26, 2019, at 10:00 a.m.  
 Kinkade Funeral Chapel  
 Sturgis, South Dakota

### ***Officiating***

Rev. John Fethkenher

### ***Musicians***

Cheryl Wales and Jaime Heltne  
 Marlene Kotab  
 Joyful Gals and Guys Chorus

### ***Songs***

"Amazing Grace"  
 "God Bless America"  
 "May the Good Lord Bless and Keep You"

### ***Pallbearers***

Jack Parks Dana Parks John Parks  
 Seth Parks Jerry Roth Lonny Roth  
 Zac Pengra Joel Johnson

### ***Military Honors***

Sturgis Veteran's Honor Guard

### ***Final Resting Place***

Black Hills National Cemetery  
 Sturgis, South Dakota