

David was born in Scottsbluff, NE, on November 2, 1948, to Victor and Rosie Zwetzig where he joined his brother, Jerry, and his sister, Linda, and a few years later welcomed his little sister, RoseMarie. When he was a month old, they moved to Lead, SD, and that is where he grew up. He was an exemplary athlete and musician in high school as a Lead Golddigger. Dave went on to attend college at South Dakota School of Mines and Technology where he studied mechanical engineering, ran cross country, and joined ROTC. In 1919, with his family by his side, he was inducted into the South Dakota School of Mines Hardrock Hall of Fame for the 1969 and 1970 Cross Country Team. After college, he joined the Army which was inspired by his time with the ROTC. After leaving the army, he joined the Army reserve.

Following college, he worked at the Homestake Mine for a short time, then moved to Pierre, SD, to pursue a job working for OSHA.

In his first marriage, he adopted her two children, Dena and Troy, and later welcomed their daughter, Dawn, into their family.

In 1981, Dave met the future love of his life and invited her to the Ram Show Banquet as his date. Apparently, his 1st date offer, and his stylish side chops, won her over. On March 19, 1982, Dave and Betty (Stomprud) married and they became the modern-day Brady Bunch (or Crazy Bunch) as Dave brought his 3 kids, Dena, Troy, and Dawn, to the marriage and Betty brought her 3 kids, Joe, Louise, and Alissa, to the marriage. Together, their family was complete, they were just family...not steps! Through the years, he welcomed many kids, grandkids, great-grandkids and "bonus" kids into his home and his life.

Dave worked very hard to provide for his family by first working at Environmental Products in Rapid City, SD, later moving to Tri-State Construction in Belle Fourche, SD, and finally working for Butte Electric Co-Op in Newell, SD, until his retirement in 2015. When his wasn't working, he was an active member of the Newell Ambulance Crew for 41 years where he spent many years as the director. He bowled on a league and also loved golfing. He had an active role in tournaments, golf league, and was a member of the board for the Newell Golf Club. He was a member of the Newell Community Club where he was the president for many years and was also a member of the Newell Lions Club where he received the Melvin Jones Fellowship award.

Dave and Betty were active members of the Newell Evangelical Church for many, many years and on occasion, when needed, Dave would step in and lead the church in the Sunday morning sermon. He was a deacon of the church and a talented choir member until his passing. He spent many hours designing the new church building.

Dave was a friend to everyone and he was the most generous, loyal, kind-hearted man, that was willing to help anyone and would have given you the shirt off his back.

After Dave's retirement, he was excited to purchase his new truck, a new side-by-side, and his brand-new Ruger 6.5 rifle. He wanted the side-by-side so the family could have fun and he wanted his new gun so he could go hunting with the guys at the ranch. The Sunday before he got the call from the Nebraska Medical Center that he needed to head that direction for his transplant, we spent an amazing day at the ranch, riding the side-by-side and dirt bikes, hanging out on the hill shooting guns, and making precious memories with family. That day will forever be cherished.

David Lee Zwetzig, 71, of Newell, SD, passed peacefully on Wednesday, August 5, 2020, at the Nebraska Medical Center in Omaha, NE.

Dave is survived by his loving and loyal wife, Betty; his beautiful mother, Rosie Zwetzig; and his puppy dogs, Dexter and Puppy; children, Dena Simmons (Derby Keever), Troy (Shannon) Zwetzig, Joe (Janet) Falzerano, Dawn (Ross) Hunter, Louise Zwetzig (Darroll Hopkins) and Alissa (Robert) Hopkins; grandchildren, Shonda Zwetzig (James Ganje), Jaymes Simmons, Amber (Tristan) Tilberg, Mariah (Brandon) Overweg, JD Zwetzig, Taylor (John) Mize, Derrick Hopkins, Jordan Yates (Trent Tope), Celie Jones (Josh Larson), Cole Falzerano (Brittany Meeks), Sierra Hopkins, Ayden Hopkins, Jady Hopkins, Colton Campbell, Clayton Campbell, Brady (Michelle) Gilmore, Frasier Hunter, and Sarah Hunter; great-grandkids, Peyton, Andrew, Brayden, RayLee, Ben, Grayson, Wyatt, Joyah, Porter, Collins, Kase, Leon, Talia, and Vash; and some "Bonus" grandkids, Cody Lynn, Codi Marie, Corrie, Colton, Cheyenne, and Dakota; sisters, Linda (Albert) Witte, and Rose Marie (Larry) Ferguson; brother-in-law, Oscar (Barbara) Stomprud; and numerous nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his dad, Victor Zwetzig; brother, Jerry Zwetzig; father-in-law, Chester Stomprud; mother-in-law, Rosa Stomprud; mother-in-law, Opal Nelson-Stomprud; brother-in-law, Don Stomprud; and his grandparents.

Memorials has been established to the Newell Ambulance service or Newell Evangelical Church.

Next summer (2021) we would like to have a memorial golf scramble at the Newell Golf Course.

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

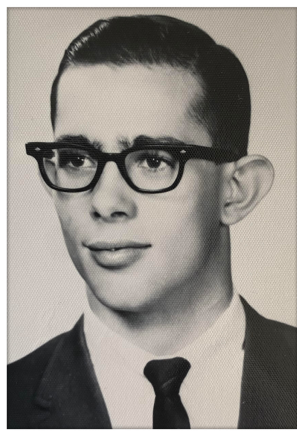
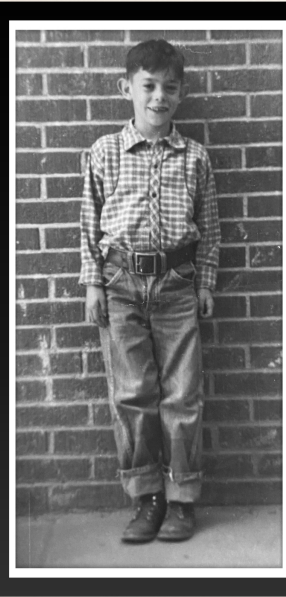
We thank you for your presence and condolences.



In Loving Memory

David Lee Zwetzig

November 2, 1948 ~ August 5, 2020



The Lord heard his heart beats slowing down and the eyes needed sleep

The Lord took his hand and the heart beats came faster, the eyes closed in his sleep.

And now he is in Gods embrace and free from pain forever.

Written by, Rosie Zwetzig



In Memory Of
David Lee Zwetzig

Date of Birth
November 2, 1948
Scottsbluff, Nebraska

Date of Death
August 5, 2020
Omaha, Nebraska

Graveside Service
Saturday, August 22, 2020, at 10:00 a.m.
Hope Cemetery
Newell, South Dakota

Clergy
Pastor Tom Martin

Pallbearers
All Children, Grandchildren, and Great-Grandchildren

