

Gene Lee DeWeese

Gene Lee DeWeese was born in Salix, IA, on December 25, 1930. He was the fifth of seven children born to Charles Lee (CL) and Elsie (Plinski) DeWeese. He was not very well received by his elder siblings because he delayed Christmas dinner. Gene attended grade school in Salix but not high school due to the economic hardships of the 'dirty 30's.'

While following the combine harvesters north, he met the love of his life, Beverly Lange, in Iroquois, SD. They married in 1951. Gene Daniel was born to them in 1952.

Shortly after that, Gene joined the Navy. He was first stationed in Bremerton WA Naval Base before being shipped out on the USS Helena to join the Korean War. Beverly was 6 months pregnant with Buck, so decided to move back to South Dakota to stay with her parents while Gene was overseas. Rodney Alan "Buck" was born in 1954 in Pierre, SD. When Gene came home from Korea, the family was reunited in Long Beach, CA.

In 1956, Gene moved his family back to South Dakota where he worked on a ranch near Gettysburg. Road construction was a high paying job, so off to Sioux Falls the family went. Gene worked with Gustafson Construction until an oil heater exploded giving him 3rd degree burns over 30% of his body. Unable to continue that job, Gene moved the family to Nisland, SD. They rented a farm 1-mile North of town while he worked at the sugar beet factory in Belle Fourche for 2 years. In January 1965, he bought a small farm on the west side of Nisland where he lived for 31 years. In 1992, he sold the farm to his youngest son, Buck, and moved out to his bigger ranch 2 miles south that he had bought in 1968 and he lived there until May 2015. A bad fall landed him in the Ft. Meade VA Hospital for several months. In April 2018, he was moved to Burr's Tender Care Assisted Living in Spearfish, which he called his home away from home.

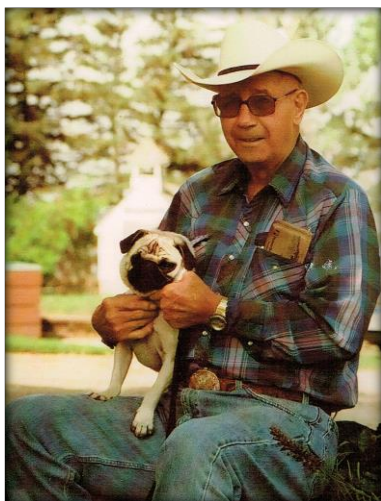
Gene Lee DeWeese, 87, Spearfish, passed away peacefully in his sleep on Wednesday, November 14, 2018, in Spearfish surrounded by family.

He is survived by two sons, Gene Daniel, Minneapolis, MN, and his wife, Julie Thorndykraft, and Rodney Alan "Buck" and his wife, Rhonda (Wilson), Spearfish, SD; two grandsons, Travis and Troy; three great-grandsons; and one great-granddaughter.

Gene was preceded in death by his father, CL; his mother, Elsie; sisters, Marjorie Daniels, Elsie Hubert, Vernice Feldhacker, and Shirley Smith; brothers, Glen and Billie; and his wife, Beverly.

A memorial has been established to the Shriner's Crippled Children's Hospital Transportation Fund.

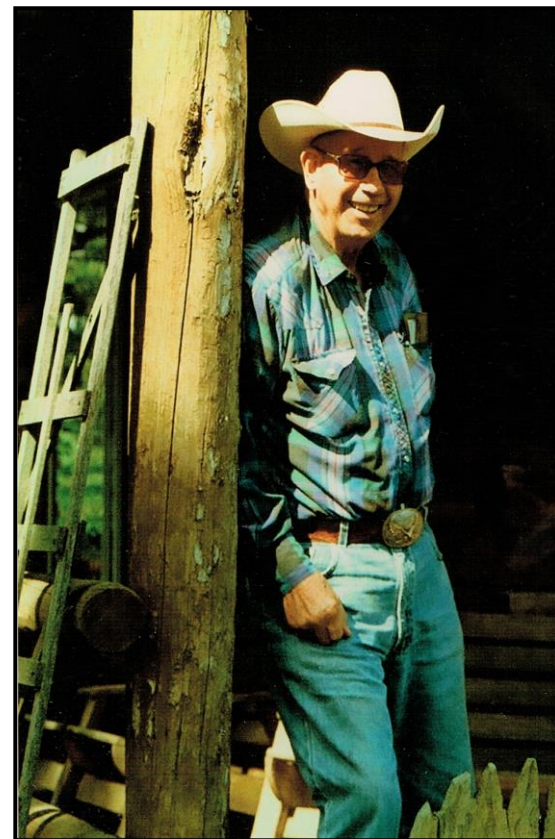
Condolences may be sent to the family at www.kinkadefunerals.com.



In Loving Memory Of

Gene Lee DeWeese

1930 ~ 2018



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.*

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



Farmer's Prayer

*Although I may not bow my head
As often as I should,
I'm thankful for the life I lead
In this farming neighborhood.*

*I love the feel of a warm spring shower
And the soft green grass in May.
I say thanks when I feel the bright sunshine
Drying out the fresh-mown hay.*

*I am thankful when I look upon
A field of tasseled corn,
And I love the sounds of harvest
On a frosty autumn morn.*

*It's such a good feeling at sunset
When a long day's work is done,
And I like the hours when I work real hard—
But am working just for fun.*

*There are times in the life of a farmer
When things don't go our way,
But although I may not bow my head
I am thankful for every day.*

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Born

December 25, 1930
Salix, Iowa

Died

November 14, 2018
Spearfish, South Dakota

Funeral Service

Monday, November 19, 2018, at 1:00 p.m.
Nisland Independent Church
Nisland, South Dakota

Officiant

Pastor Doug Clark

Musical Selections

“How Great Thou Art”
“Home On The Range”
“Il Silenzio”

Pallbearers

Ross Farber ~ Phillip Thornhill
Rod Snyder ~ Barry Thornhill
Randy Vallery ~ Ed Kling ~ Leon Minor

Military Honors

Spearfish VFW Post 5860
American Legion Riders Post 164

Interment

3:00 p.m.
Pine Slope Cemetery
Belle Fourche, South Dakota