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Roy Peter Bungert was born on June 1, 1931 in Minneapolis, MN to Ferdinand and Dorothy (Haeg) Bungert. He grew up in Minnesota with his 14 brothers and sisters. Roy spent 4 years in the US Air Force during the Korean War. He was stationed in Omaha, NE, where he met and later married Dorothy Helen Kocourek. Roy had a hunting accident shortly after proposing to Dorothy, so he was always teased about having a shotgun engagement. After the military, he went to work for Northwestern Bell, where he worked for 33 years, retiring in 1986.

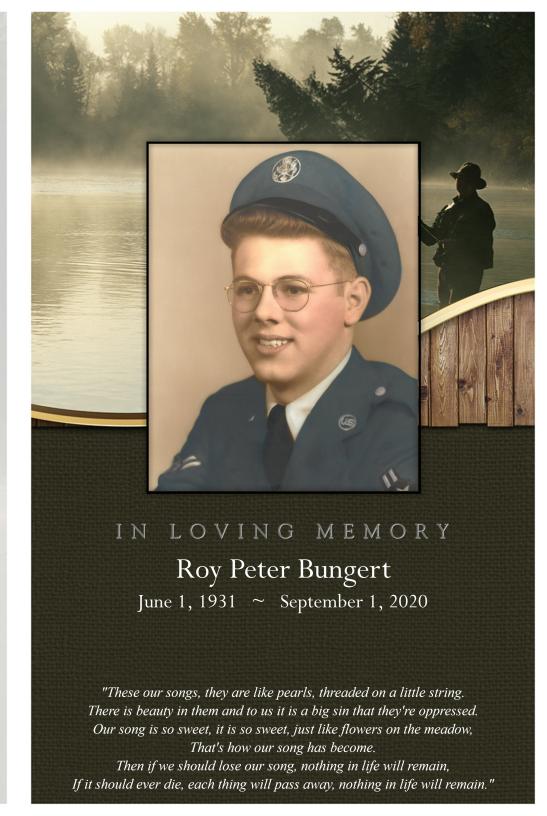
In 1995, Roy and Dorothy moved to Sturgis, SD, and got much enjoyment out of hosting bikers every year during the Sturgis Rally. Roy loved to go camping with family at Gordon Gulch in Hill City, SD, and also with the Knights of Columbus Camporees. He enjoyed fishing and drinking beer, because it was always "5 o'clock somewhere". Roy also loved to travel, especially to the Czech Republic, where he always had fun drinking with his cousin-in-law, Slavek, even though Roy didn't speak Czech and Slavek didn't speak English. During his lifetime, Roy was actively involved in the Knights of Columbus. He was the Grand Knight from 1969 to 1970, and was crowned King of the Mardi Gras in 1974. Family time was always very important to Roy, having grown up with so many brothers and sister, and later having a large family of his own with Dorothy. He was very much loved by his whole family.

Roy Bungert, 89, of Sturgis, died Tuesday, September 1, 2020, at the Fort Meade VA Hospital.

Roy is survived by his wife of 63 years, Dorothy Bungert of Sturgis, SD; his children, Joseph Bungert of Sturgis, SD, Sandra (Jeffrey) Delich of Bloomington, MN, Laurie Roberts of Centerton, AR, Robert Bungert of Sturgis, SD, and Margery (Matthew) Andryzejek of Blaine, MN; 16 grandchildren; and 5.333 great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Ferdinand and Dorothy Bungert. Condolences may be sent to the family at www.kinkadefunerals.com.

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





When Tomorrow Starts Without Me

When tomorrow starts without me, and I'm not there to see, If the sun should rise and find your eyes all filled with tears for me; I wish so much you wouldn't cry the way you did today, While thinking of the many things we didn't get to say. I know how much you love me, as much as I love you, And each time you think of me, I know you'll miss me too. But when tomorrow starts without me, please try to understand, That an angel came and called my name, and took me by the hand, And said my place was ready, in heaven far above, And that I'd have to leave behind all those I dearly love. But as I turned to walk away, a tear fell from my eye For all my life, I'd always thought, I didn't want to die. I had so much to live for, so much left yet to do, It seemed almost impossible, that I was leaving you. I thought of all the yesterdays, the good ones and the bad, I thougt of all the love we shared, and all the fun we had. If I could relive yesterday, just even for a while, I'd say good-bye and kiss you and maybe see you smile. But then I fully realized, that this could never be, For emptiness and memories, would take the place of me. And when I thought of worldly things, I might miss come tomorrow, I thought of you, and when I did, my heart was filled with sorrow. But when I walked through heaven's gates, I felt so much at home. When God looked down and smiled at me, from His great golden throne, He said, "This is eternity, and all I've promised you. Today your life on earth is past, but here life starts anew. I promise no tomorrow, but today will always last, And since each day's the same way there's no longing for the past. You have been so faithful, so trusting and so true. Though there were times you did things you knew you shouldn't do. But you have been forgiven and now at last you're free. So won't you come and take my hand and share my life with me?" So when tomorrow starts without me, don't think we're far apart, For every time you think of me, I'm right there, in your heart.

In Memory Of Roy Peter Bungert

Date of Birth

June 1, 1931 Minneapolis, Minnesota

Date of Death

September 1, 2020 Fort Meade, South Dakota

Vigil

Monday, September 7, 2020, at 7:00 p.m. Kinkade Funeral Chapel Sturgis, South Dakota

Mass of Christian Burial

Tuesday, September 8, 2020, at 10:00 a.m. St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Church Sturgis, South Dakota

Officiating

Father Timothy Castor

Musicians

Susie Payne & Dr. Barry Furze

Songs

"On Eagle's Wings" "Prayer of St. Francis" "Be Not Afraid" "How Great Thou Art" "Amazing Grace"

Pallbearers

Gabriel Andryzejek Samuel Andryzejek James Morrison Dean Steinberg Jonathon Delich Isaac Andryzejek

Military Honors

Sturgis Veterans Honor Guard Ellsworth Air Force Base Honor Guard

Final Resting Place

Black Hills National Cemetery Sturgis, South Dakota