

Arlie Lee "Moon" Mullins

Arlie Lee Mullins was born November 12, 1934, in Staunton, VA, to Tracy and Ora (Copenhaver) Mullins. He was the oldest of 5 children.

At a young age Arlie joined the U.S. Army in 1953, and served 2 years, before serving in the Air Force from 1955 to 1973. During the 18 years in the Air Force, he proudly fought for our country in the Vietnam War. After retiring from the military, he moved to Colorado in the early 1970's. There he coached women's softball where he met the love of his life on the field. He married Darlene (Knutson) on June 20, 1979, in a Las Vegas wedding chapel.

Arlie lived a full life. He owned a long-haul trucking business and rental properties before retiring from Valley Food Co-op in Fort Collins, CO, in 1999. A family man, Arlie spent weekends fishing with his family and braved several RV and motorcycle trips across the United States. He enjoyed spending time on the golf course, and most of all he loved travelling.

He was a doting grandfather who relished the opportunity to watch his grandchildren play sports, enter cake competitions or join them in a round of golf.

He enjoyed good ol' country music, sitting outside and watching the motorcycles go by during the rally, coaching and refereeing his kids in sports, playing cards, tending his roses and tomatoes and would engage in friendly conversation with anyone as often as possible. He was known to start a water fight or two and loved to laugh and to make people laugh. Those are the moments his family will treasure.

Arlie, age 86, passed away peacefully Tuesday, December 1, 2020, at Sturgis Regional Hospital.

He is survived by his wife of 41 years, Darlene of Sturgis; his sons, Arlie and his wife Karen and their children, Nick and Heather of Nicholasville, KY; Richard and his wife Connie and their daughter Sidney of Neenah, WI; his daughters, Renae and her children, Kiley of CA, and Alexander of Sturgis; and youngest daughter, Debbie of Sturgis and her children, Desiree and Makayla of Versailles and Georgetown, KY; and 3 great grandchildren; daughter-in-law, Cathy and granddaughter Megan of Austin, TX; and sisters, Helen Johnson, and Shirley Dabeny of VA.

He was preceded in death by his parents, one brother; one sister; and his son, Kenny.

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

The family invites you to join them for fellowship and lunch in the Vet's Club following the committal service. We thank you for your presence and condolences.



In Loving Memory

Arlie Lee "Moon" Mullins

November 12, 1934 ~ December 1, 2020

The Final Flight

*Don't grieve for me, for now I'm free,
I'm following the path God laid for me.
I took his hand when I heard his call,
I turned my back and left it all.*

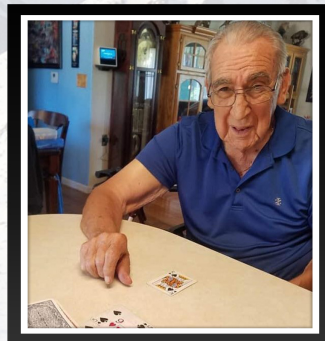
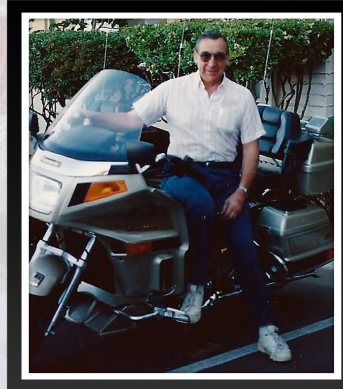
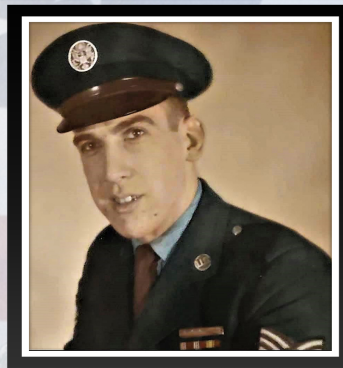
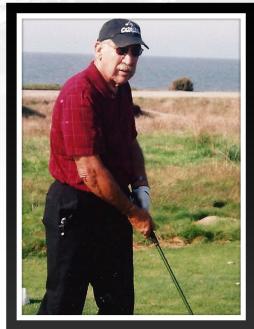
*I could not stay another day,
To laugh, to love, to work, to play.
Tasks left undone must stay that way,
I've found that peace at the end of the day.*

*If my parting has left a void,
Then fill it with remembered joy.
A friendship shared, a laugh, a kiss,
Ah, yes, these things too I will miss.*

*Be not burdened with times of sorrow,
I wish you the sunshine of tomorrow.
My Life's been full, I savored much,
Good friends, good times, a loved one's
touch.*

*Perhaps my time seemed all too brief,
Don't lengthen it now with undue grief.
Lift up your heart and share with me,
God wanted me now, He set me free.*

Author: Unknown



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Date of Birth

November 12, 1934
Staunton, Virginia

Date of Death

December 1, 2020
Sturgis, South Dakota

Service

Tuesday, December 8, 2020, at 11:00 a.m.
Black Hills National Cemetery
Sturgis, South Dakota

Clergy

Pastor Kris Garlick

Honorary Pallbearers

Dean Johnson ~ Jeffery Johnson ~ Scott Johnson ~ Dion Knutson
Allan Knutson ~ Lyle Wetz ~ JW Wetz ~ Karl Knutson
Casey Hise ~ Christopher Hise

Military Honors

Ellsworth Air Force Base Honor Guard
Spearfish Veteran's Honor Guard

Final Resting Place

Black Hills National Cemetery
Sturgis South Dakota