

Harry Duane Flesner

Duane was born August 20, 1932 at Gales Township, MN, to Harry and Jane (Reynolds) Flesner. He graduated from Walnut Grove High School in 1950. Duane married Patricia Vickerman. In April of 1953 he was drafted and sent to Fort Lewis, WA for training. He became a troop information and education specialist in Company C of the 9th Engineer Combat Battalion. The Korean War ended before he was deployed.

Following the war, Duane and Pat returned to Walnut Grove with their first child, Jeri. After spending a few years in Walnut Grove and having two more children, Jeff and Doug, they moved to Spearfish in 1962. In 1966 they moved to a ranch on Crook City Road and started a dairy in the late 1960's. While in the Spearfish area they had two more children, Chris and Joel. In 1969, Duane started his own electrical business, F&S Electric, which operated for 24 years. Duane's wife of 30 years passed away 1981. Duane was remarried to Betty Couch in 1984. They purchased and ran a campground in 1985. In the early 1990's, Duane retired from the electrical business; they sold the campground and moved to Sundance, WY, where they lived for the last 18 years.

Harry Duane Flesner, 80, of Sturgis, died, Monday, September 3, 2012 at Rapid City Regional Hospital.

Funeral services will be Friday, September 7, 2012 at 1:00 p.m. at Kinkade Funeral Chapel in Sturgis with Rev. Harold Holder officiating. A closed casket visitation will be Thursday, September 6, 2012 from 3:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. with the family present from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Interment will be at Rose Hill Cemetery in Spearfish.

Duane is survived by his by wife Betty of Sturgis; children, Jeri (Bill) Griffis of Ft. Lupton, CO, Jeff (Marge) Flesner of Spearfish, Doug (Mary) Flesner of Sturgis, Chris (Jo Ellen) Flesner of Sioux Falls, Joel (Mary) Flesner of Spearfish, Jill Ites of Mankato, MN, Mark (Melodee) Ulmer of Sturgis, Kelly (Becky) Ulmer of Marysville, KS; sixteen grandchildren and twenty-one great-grandchildren.

Duane was preceded in death by both parents, his first wife Patricia, sister Avis Quinley, sister Ethel Meld and sister Evangeline Fasnacht.

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

The family invites everyone to a time of fellowship and lunch at the Calvary Baptist Church in Sturgis following the funeral service. We thank you for your presence and condolences.

In Loving Memory Of



Harry Duane Flesner

*August 20, 1932
September 3, 2012*



*I asked God for strength, that I might achieve.
I was made weak, that I might learn humbly to obey.
I asked for health, that I might do greater things.
I asked for riches, that I might be happy.
I was given poverty, that I might be wise.
I asked for power, that I might have the praise of men.
I was given weakness, that I might feel the need of God.
I asked for all things, that I might enjoy life.
I was given life, that I might enjoy all things.
I got nothing that I asked for – but everything that I had
hoped for.
Almost despite myself, my unspoiled prayers were
answered.
I am among all men, most richly blessed.*

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Born
August 20, 1932
Redwood County, Minnesota

Died
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Rapid City, South Dakota

Funeral Service
Friday, September 7, 2012, at 1:00 p.m.
Kinkade Funeral Chapel
Sturgis, South Dakota

Officiating
Rev. Harold Holder

Organist
Tom Dewey

Musical Selections
"Amazing Grace"
"Precious Lord, Take My Hand"

Interment
Rose Hill Cemetery
Spearfish, South Dakota
Rev. JoEllen Flesner