#### Dale Lee Johnson

Dale Lee Johnson was born July 31, 1947, at Deadwood to Kenneth B. and Donna (Roth) Johnson of northern Meade County. He was raised on the ranch north of Bear Butte and went to Cottonwood Country School and Sturgis Brown High School where he excelled in track and graduated with honors. He received a degree in Animal Science from SDSU then returned to partner with his father on the ranch. Dale worked on the ranch for 38 years before retiring.

Dale married Effie Hartman on September 7, 1972, and raised two sons, Brett A. and Corey A. Johnson.

Dale, 66, Vale, SD, died Saturday, December 21, 2013, at Sturgis Regional Hospital.

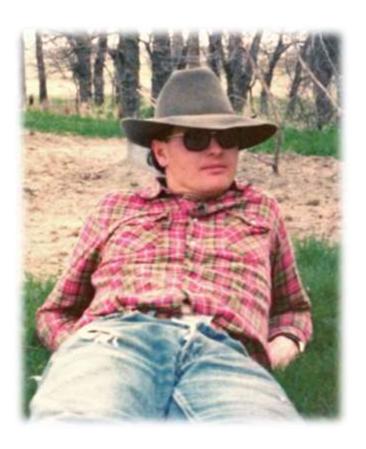
Survivors include his wife, Effie Johnson; sons, Brett and Corey Johnson; grandsons, Callen Kenneth and Layne Alan Johnson; his mother, Donna Johnson; brother, Carl Johnson; sister, Susan Heibult; and many nieces and nephews.

Dale was preceded in death by his father.

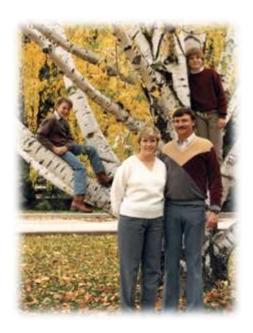
A memorial has been established to the Hospice of the Northern Hills.

Condolences may be sent to the family at www.kinkade funerals.com.

# In Loving Memory Of



Dale Lee Johnson
1947 ~ 2013



### I'm Free

Don't grieve for me, for now I'm free I'm following the path God has laid you see. 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 or play.

Tasks left undone must stay that way

I found the peace at the close of day.

If my parting has left a void
Then fill it with remembered joys - A friendship shared, a laugh, a kiss
Oh yes, these things I too 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 hearts, and peace to thee - -God wanted me now: He set me free.

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#### Born

July 31, 1947 Deadwood, South Dakota

#### Died

December 21, 2013 Sturgis, South Dakota

### Memorial Service

Thursday, January 2, 2014, at 2:00 p.m. Grace Lutheran Church

# Officiating

Pastor Henrique Fleming

Soloist
Henry Karrels

#### **Musical Selections**

"Wayfaring Stranger"
"Only Time"
"Amazing Grace"
"How Great Thou Art"

## Honorary Pallbearers

Jim Charles ~ Toby Peters ~ Larry Curtis Joel Hartman ~ Eric Johnson ~ Scott Heibult