

In Loving Memory

The Cowboy's Prayer

O Lord, I've never lived where churches grow;
I've loved creation better as it stood
That day You finished it, so long ago
And looked upon Your work and called it good.

Just let me live my life as I've begun!
And give me work that's open to the sky;
Make me a partner of the wind and sun,
And I won't ask a life that's soft and high.

Make me as big and open as the plains;
As honest as the horse between my knees;
Clean as the wind that blows behind the rains;
Free as the hawk that circles down the breeze.

Just keep an eye on all that's done and said;
Just right me sometime when I turn aside;
And guide me on the long, dim trail ahead –
That stretches upward towards the Great Divide.

Thank you for your presence and condolences.



Lawrence “Clinton” Septka

April 13, 1933 ~ October 10, 2025

Psalm 23.1

The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want.

He maketh me to lie down in green pastures;

He leadeth me beside the still waters.

He restoreth my soul: he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake.

Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff they comfort me.

Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies: thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over.

Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life: and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

Lawrence "Clint" Septka was born April 13, 1933 to Hazel and Ernest Septka. Sadly, he passed in his sleep the evening of October 10, 2025. He was preceded in death by his parents, brothers Richard and Donald, and sister Carmen. He leaves behind his loving wife Hope of 71 years and three children, Lyndelle, Brad, and Rod along with 4 grandchildren and 10 great grandchildren, with another on the way!

Born and raised in South Dakota, the family traveled around the country for work eventually settling on a ranch outside of Sturgis, SD where he loved to ride and train horses. At 17 he enlisted in the US Navy, where he served time in the Korean war and worked in engine room #2 on the Bon Homme Richard aircraft carrier. After returning, he married Hope Symonds and they went on to raise their family in Sturgis. He built the family home from the ground up with his bare hands and a little help from his friends. Completed in 1975, it sits nestled in the trees on 7 acres in Boulder Canyon, where he and his wife lived for nearly 50 years. He was an established electrician and owned his own company, Septka Electric for more than 20 years until retirement. He worked hard to make a good life for his family who meant everything to him. His passing has left a void in the hearts of his family, friends and all who knew him.

In Loving Memory Of Clint Septka

Born

April 13, 1933
Newell, South Dakota

Home to Heaven

October 10, 2025
Spearfish, South Dakota

Funeral Service

Thursday, October 16, 2025 11:00am
First United Methodist Church
Sturgis, South Dakota

Officiant

Pastor Harold Delbridge

Musical Selections

"Old Rugged Cross"
"You're My Best Friend"
-Don Williams
"Amazing Grace"

Pallbearers

Eric Wangen, Casey Septka, John Septka,
David Septka, Warren DuPré, Dravyn Vandom

Final Resting Place

Black Hills National Cemetery
Sturgis, South Dakota