

Donald Orel

Donald Orel, 85, of Rapid City, SD, passed away at the state hospital in Yankton, SD, on June 26, 2021, after battling dementia.

Donald was born on May 13, 1936, to Joe and Anna Orel at Winner, SD, and grew up on the family farm near Hamill, SD. In 1954, Donald joined the Army and became a paratrooper and served with the 11th Airborne Division as a tank gunner.

After leaving the Army, Donald worked on the family farm for a time before getting married and later moving to Spearfish, SD. Here, he worked in the local sawmills for many years.

Donald loved the outdoors and enjoyed hunting, camping and skiing. He traveled extensively throughout the states, always taking a new road he'd never travelled, with his trusty dog at his side. Many will remember him and his dog from his tireless effort picking up trash along Haines Ave. or hiking up Harney Peak.

He is survived by his older brother, Melvin; his children, Brenda (Bob) Moore, Rhonda (Edward) Willis, David Orel, Derrek (Anne) Orel; eleven grandchildren; and eight great-grandchildren.

Donald was preceded in death by his parents, Joe and Anna; his twin brother, Darrel; and his great-grandson, Elliot Eckhardt.

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



In Loving Memory Of

Donald Orel

May 13, 1936 - June 26, 2021

The family would like to invite you to join them for fellowship and lunch following the committal service at 4811 Copperhill Drive in Rapid City. We thank you for your presence and condolences.



Donald & Darrel



He'll Always Be Remembered

He'll always be remembered
As a man, both strong and good,
Who gave his best for others
And who did the best he could.
He'll always be remembered
For all the joy he brought,
As a man who made a difference
And a man who meant a lot.



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Born

May 13, 1936
Winner, South Dakota

Died

June 26, 2021
Yankton, South Dakota

Committal Service

Tuesday, July 6, 2021, at 11:00 a.m.
Black Hills National Cemetery
Sturgis, South Dakota

Officiant

Pastor Randy Phipps

Pallbearers

Matthew Bury Nathan Bury
Todd Ghormley Eric Eckhardt Bill Orel

