

## Wallace “Wally” Burton Kehn



Wallace “Wally” Burton Kehn, 82, passed away peacefully at his home in Sturgis, SD, after a long illness on May 31, 2021.

Wally was born on the Silver Lake homestead in Turner County, SD, on March 4, 1939, to Benjamin (Ben) and Viola (Heckel) Kehn. He grew up on a farm near Marion, SD, and went to school and graduated from the Freeman Academy. On January 22, 1965, he married Donna Earley at Flandreau, SD.

Wally worked with Sweetman Construction, Sioux Falls for many years and helped build Interstate 90. He started working for Homestake Gold Mine in March of 1968, and worked there until the Mine closed in 2001 as an underground rock driller. One thing he was most proud of at the mine is that he never had a loss time accident.

Wally enjoyed spending his summer time at his cabin at Iron Creek while fishing, drinking coffee with friends at the store and sitting by the lake front. He also enjoyed Rock collecting. Over the years he made many beautiful belt buckles and knife handles out of rock he had collected.

He is survived by his wife, Donna Kehn; and three children, Mark (Stacie) Sturgis, Michele (Roger) Leavitt, Wickenburg, AZ, and Lisa (Jon) Anderson, Rapid City, SD; special nephew, Dan (Kim) Earley, Rapid City; one sister, Della (Ken) Luig, Mankato, MN; his grandchildren, Jaden (Nick) Beach, Reegin Kehn, Pasyn and Taylum Leavitt, Ella Ward, Lainie Anderson, Brad (Clint) Painter, and Brittany VanSickle; and many nieces and nephews.

Memorial has been established to the Parkinson Foundation.

Condolences may be sent to the family at [www.kinkadefunerals.com](http://www.kinkadefunerals.com).



*The family would like to invite you to join them for fellowship and lunch following the committal service at St. Francis church hall. We thank you for your presence and condolences.*

*In Loving Memory Of*  
**Wallace “Wally” Burton Kehn**

**March 4, 1939 - May 31, 2021**



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## ***Born***

March 4, 1939  
Silver Lake Homestead, South Dakota

## ***Died***

May 31, 2021  
Sturgis, South Dakota

## ***Mass of Christian Burial***

Monday, June 7, 2021, at 10:00 am  
Kinkade Funeral Chapel  
Sturgis, South Dakota

## ***Celebrant***

Father Timothy Castor

## ***Musical Selections***

“Remember When” “The Old Rugged Cross”  
“You Raise Me Up”

## ***Pallbearers***

Mark Kehn Jon Anderson  
Roger Leavitt Dan Earley

## ***Honorary Pallbearers***

All Family and Friends

## ***Final Resting Place***

St. Aloysius Catholic Cemetery  
Sturgis, South Dakota

*There is a season for everything,  
A time for every occupation under heaven.  
A time for giving birth, A time for dying,  
A time for planting,  
A time for uprooting what has been planted.  
A time for killing, A time for healing;  
A time for knocking down, A time for building.  
A time for tears, A time for laughter;  
A time for mourning, A time for dancing.  
A time for throwing stones away,  
A time for gathering them up;  
A time for embracing,  
A time to refrain from embracing.  
A time for searching, A time for losing;  
A time for keeping, A time for throwing away.  
A time for tearing, A time for sewing;  
A time for keeping silent, A time for speaking.  
A time for loving, A time for hating;  
A time for war, A time for peace.*

*Ecclesiastes 3:1-8*