

Norman Ray Vansickel

Norman Ray Vansickel was born March 19, 1927, at Opal, SD, to Oscar Ray and Juanita Jeanette (Lehman) Vansickel. He grew up and attended school in the Opal community. Following his graduation from Sturgis High School, Norman served in the US Army from 1945 until his honorable discharge in 1946. Norman returned to his parents' ranch where he worked for them.

He married Margaret B. "McGee" Schuelke on March 22, 1947, in Sturgis. They lived in Sturgis where Norman worked at various jobs. Norman and McGee moved back to his parents' ranch where they lived and worked the ranch until moving to Spearfish 20 years ago.

Norman, 86, Spearfish, died Thursday, August 8, 2013, at Spearfish Regional Hospital.

Survivors include his wife, McGee Vansickel, Spearfish; daughter, Carmen (John) Heidler, Opal, SD, and their children, Corky, Kelli, Chip, and O.J.; daughter, Nina Vansickel, Opal, SD, and her children, Erika and Chance; Bill Vansickel's children, Deanna, Shane, Billy, and Brett; several great-grandchildren; and three great-great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents; two sons, Dick and Bill; two grandchildren, Shawna and Tyler; one great-great-grandson, Aiden; and one brother, Charles.

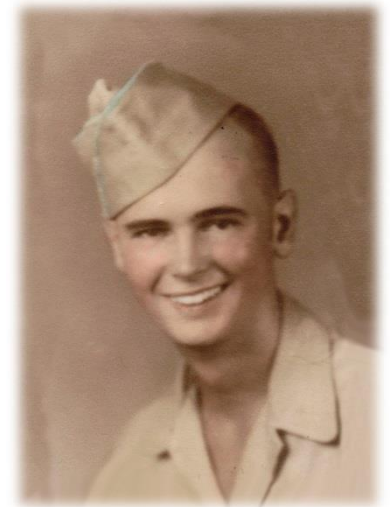
A memorial has been established to St. Joseph Catholic Church in Spearfish.

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

*The family invites you to join them for fellowship and lunch
in the church hall immediately following the funeral mass.
We thank you for your presence and condolences.*



*In Loving
Memory Of*



Norman Vansickel

1927 ~ 2013



*God saw he was getting tired
and a cure was not to be
So He put His arms around him
And whispered "come to Me."
With tearful eyes we watched him suffer
And saw him fade away
Although we loved him dearly
We could not make him stay.
A golden heart stopped beating
Hardworking hands to rest
God broke our hearts to prove to us
He takes the very best.*

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Born

March 19, 1927
Opal, South Dakota

Died

August 8, 2013
Spearfish, South Dakota

Vigil

Monday, August 12, 2013, at 7:00 p.m.
Kinkade Funeral Chapel

Mass of Christian Burial

Tuesday, August 13, 2013, at 10:30 a.m.
St. Joseph Catholic Church
Spearfish, South Dakota

Celebrant

Father Christopher Hathaway

Organist

Cindy Bruch

Pallbearers

Shane Vansickel ~ Billy Vansickel
Brett Vansickel ~ Corky Heidler
Chip Heidler ~ O.J. Heidler ~ Chance Anderson

Honorary Pallbearers

All Family and Friends

Interment

Black Hills National Cemetery
Sturgis, South Dakota