

### **Maurice Jakob "Maury" LaRue**

Maurice Jakob LaRue was born August 13, 1947, at Mason City, IA, to Roudolph "Larry" Leo and Naomi Mae (Kerlin) LaRue. He was the child of a military family and they lived in many places during his childhood.

Maury graduated from high school in Mandan, ND. He was active in scouting and achieved the rank of Eagle Scout. He received an associates of arts degree from Bismarck State College and a bachelors of science in

education from the University of North Dakota at Grand Forks.

He married Denise (Lundberg) at Mandan, ND, on May 25, 1967. The couple moved to Sturgis, SD, in 1969 where Maury taught at Sturgis Brown High School. During his career in education, Maury taught World History, Speech, Government, English Literature and vocational broadcasting. He coached debate, track and cross country.

While teaching, Maury and his friend, Tom Monahan, started T&M Photography Studio. He was also elected to the South Dakota Legislature. He was the projects director for Sturgis Economic Development and served as the Mayor of Sturgis.

His many interests included restoring his old Jeep, flyfishing, hunting, model trains, grandkids, traveling and golf. He was an enthusiastic follower of track and field of all levels.

He was a member of the First Presbyterian Church, and a qualified instructor for the Sturgis Volunteer Fire Department.

Maury, 64, Sturgis, died Saturday, July 28, 2012, at the Sturgis Regional Hospital.

Survivors include his wife, Denise LaRue, Sturgis; daughters, Carole (Joel) Skalsky, Pelican Rapids, MN, and Teresa (James) Forbes, Sturgis; brothers, Michel (Pam) LaRue, Chicago, IL, Marty (Cheryl) LaRue, Vancouver, WA, and Monty LaRue, Seattle, WA; sister, Ann LaRue, Omaha, NE; and grandchildren, Nicolis, Lilith, Angus and Amika.

He was preceded in death by his parents.

Memorials have been established to the First Presbyterian Church and Miles 4 Moe.

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



## ***In Loving Memory Of***



***Maury LaRue***

***1947 ~ 2012***

**2 Timothy 4:7-9**

*"I have fought the good fight,  
I have finished the race, I have kept the faith.  
Now there is in store for me the crown of righteousness,  
which the Lord, the righteous Judge,  
will award to me on that day – "*



*Maury was committed to making connections.  
In his personal and professional life,  
he worked hard to make those relationships meaningful  
and to be a positive role model.*

*We treasure those connections he made  
because they are a reflection of who he was.*

*Thank you is not enough.*

*We hold you in our hearts and our hearts are full.*

*The LaRue Family*

*In Loving Memory Of*

***Maurice Jakob LaRue***

***Born***

August 13, 1947  
Mason City, Iowa

***Died***

July 28, 2012  
Sturgis, South Dakota

***Funeral Service***

Wednesday, August 1, 2012, at 10:00 a.m.  
First Presbyterian Church

***Officiating***

Rev. Denzel Nonhof

***Guitarist***

Bob Tobin

***Accompanist***

Charlie Nonhof

***Musical Selections***

"Here I Am, Lord"

***Pallbearers***

Members of the Sturgis Volunteer Fire Department  
And EMS

***Honorary Pallbearers***

All Family and Friends

*The family invites everyone to a time of fellowship and refreshments in the  
Erskine Room in the church basement following the funeral service.*

*We thank you for your presence and condolences.*