



Melvin Ralph Meisner

Melvin Ralph Meisner was born August 25, 1932, to Albert and Ella (Loesch) Meisner at Herreid, SD. His mother died when he was very young and Albert then married Lena Burke.

Following his graduation from Thomas High School, he moved near Rapid City where he worked and lived at a saw mill. He then went to work for an auto garage in Rapid City where he met Audrey Orr and they were married June 9, 1957. He then worked in the auto parts business for many years until he retired and moved to the family farm near Sturgis, SD. He loved living on and working the farm until he moved in with his daughter in Sturgis because of failing health. They became snowbirds and he purchased a house in Ft. Mohave, AZ, where he would spend winters the last few years.

Melvin enjoyed fishing, hunting, and coaching little league baseball. He loved going to auctions and rummage sales.

Melvin, 86, Sturgis, died Sunday, October 28, 2018, after a long and hard battle with leukemia.

He is survived by his four children, Cindy (Dave) Gehringer, Jim (Rena) Meisner, Linda (Doug) Syman, and David (Rebecca) Meisner; eight grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; two sisters, Lila (Leonard) Bachman and Beverly (Dennis) Vandervorste; step-sister-in-law, Barbara Burke; and brother-in-law, Ken (Delores) Zandstra.

He was preceded in death by his parents; his step-mother; his wife, Audrey Meisner; one sister, Betty Zandstra; three step-brothers, Don Burke, Loren Burke, and Roger Burke; and one great-nephew.

A memorial has been established to the Grace Lutheran Church Radio Broadcast Fund.

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



In Loving Memory Of

Melvin Ralph Meisner

1932 ~ 2018

The family would like to invite you to join them for fellowship and lunch in the Son Shine Room in the church basement following the committal.

We thank you for your presence and condolences.



God's Garden

*God looked around his garden
and found an empty place,
He then looked down upon the earth
and saw your tired face.
He put his arms around you
and lifted you to rest.
God's garden must be beautiful
He always takes the best.
He knew you were suffering.
He knew you were in pain.
He knew that you would never
get well on earth again.
He saw the road was getting rough
and the hills were hard to climb.
He closed your weary eyelids
and whispered, "Peace be thine."
It broke our hearts to lose you,
but you didn't go alone.
Part of us went with you
the day God called you home.
All of you who have loved ones,
cherish them with tender care.
You will never know the heartaches
until they are no longer there.*

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Born

August 25, 1932
Herreid, South Dakota

Died

October 28, 2018
Sturgis, South Dakota

Funeral Service

Friday, November 2, 2018, at 10:00 a.m.
Grace Lutheran Church
Sturgis, South Dakota

Officiant

Pastor Kris Garlick

Accompanist

Marlene Kotab

Musical Selections

"The Old Rugged Cross"
"Peace in Christ"
"It Is Well with My Soul"

Pallbearers

Andy Meisner ~ Joseph Syman ~ Sam Meisner
Jacob Meisner ~ Steve Galvin ~ Kris Puckett

Interment

Bear Butte Cemetery
Sturgis, South Dakota