

In Loving Memory Of
Gregory Alan Pauley

Born

May 11, 1952
Rapid City, South Dakota

Died

January 14, 2019
Sturgis, South Dakota

Memorial Service

Monday, January 21, 2019, at 2:00 p.m.
Believers Fellowship Church
Sturgis, South Dakota

Officiant

Pastor John Williamson

Musical Selections

“Amazing Grace” performed by: Janeen Walker
“Wildflowers” performed by: Ethan Pauley

Honorary Urn Bearers

Dave Castor ~ Rob Jones ~ Kris Jones
Mark Norstegaard ~ Mike Davies ~ Cliff Chord
Jeff Rinehart ~ Roger Hughes

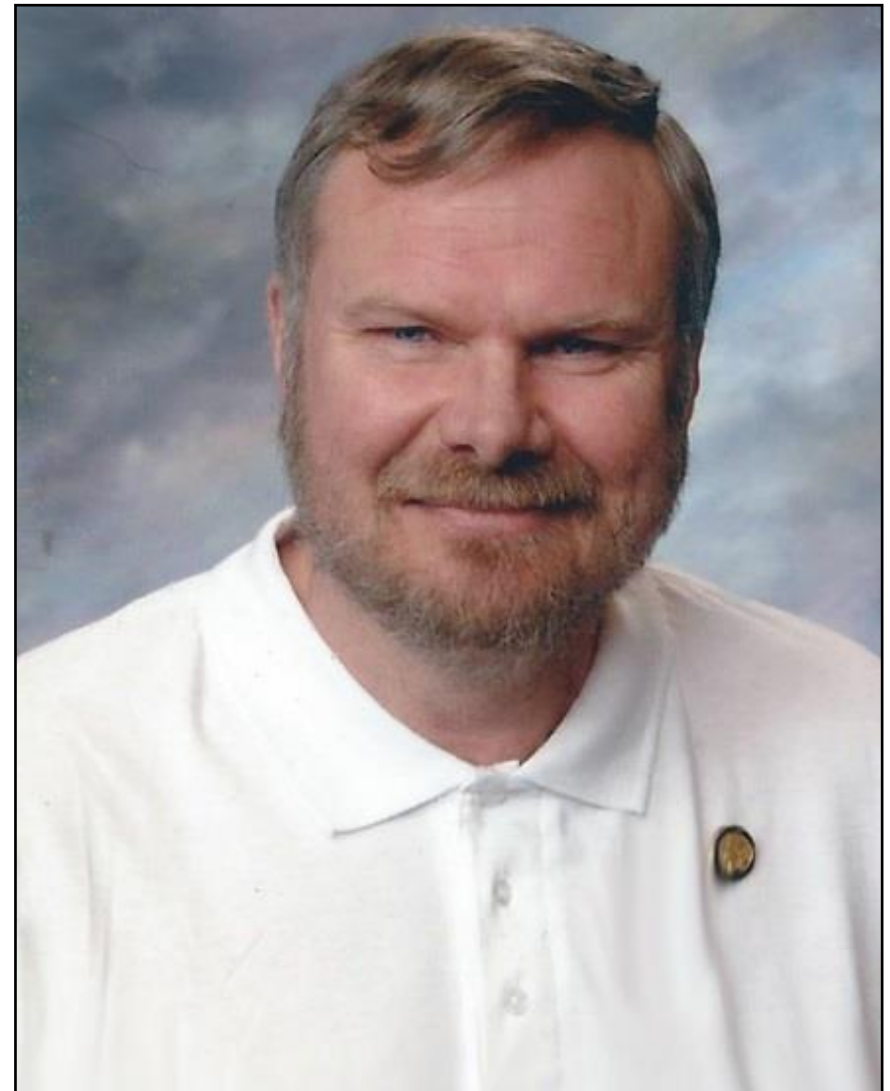
Inurnment

At A Later Date

Vale Cemetery
Vale, South Dakota

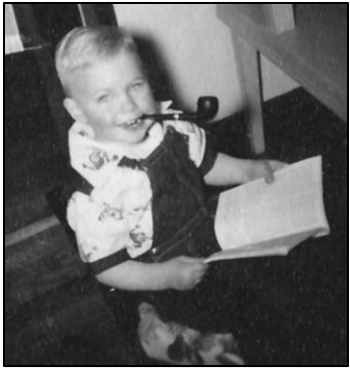
The family would like to invite you to join them for fellowship and lunch following the service in the church hall. We thank you for your presence and condolences.

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Greg was born to Ezra and Betty (Seitz) Pauley on May 11, 1952, at St. John's Hospital in Rapid City. His childhood was spent outside Vale, on the farm homesteaded by his grandfather, George Seitz. During those years Greg learned about lambing ewes, raising crops, and maintaining a strong work ethic.

Greg attended elementary school in Vale, but his high school years were spent at Newell High School. His favorite extra-curricular activity was debate – a talent he was known to utilize throughout his life,

discussing issues with friends and family. One story he loved to tell involved a debate competition in Gillette. Greg and his debate partner, Eddie Hafner, entered the room with a small recipe card holder filled with blank index cards. The Gillette team wheeled in a file cabinet on wheels, filled with current periodicals and other reference materials. To the amazement of the home audience, the Newell team beat the “big city” Gillette team. That sweet victory was savored for many weeks. Greg graduated from Newell High School in 1970.

Greg applied to several colleges, and decided to attend Grinnell College in Grinnell, Iowa, because they offered him the best scholarship and financial aid package. That proved to be a fateful decision; it was at Grinnell that Greg met fellow Political Science major, Amy Hughes. The two became fast friends. Greg graduated in 1974 with a Bachelor's Degree in Political Science. On February 7, 1976, Greg and Amy married in her parents' flower garden, in Port-au-Prince, Haiti. Following the wedding, the couple moved into a cute little farmhouse, located on Greg's parents' farm. For the next 21 years, Greg worked 16-hour days on average, lambing 800-1000 ewes, and raising alfalfa hay, oats, corn, and edible beans.

After many years of trying to start a family, Amy gave birth to their only child, Ethan, on December 9, 1992. Greg jumped into fatherhood feet first! Ethan turned out to be the perfect child for late-in-life parents – low maintenance, but highly entertaining. Greg was immensely proud of Ethan's many accomplishments, but most proud of the good man he became. On May 28, 2016, Ethan married his college sweetheart, Sarah Fisher. Sarah was the daughter Greg never had – he loved her smarts and her sweet, sassy personality.

The wool incentive program ended in 1995, causing Greg to reconsider his life's path. He concluded it would be best for his family if he left farming for a more financially secure career. In 1996, Greg began taking the needed prerequisites for nursing school at Black Hills State College. In 2001, at the age of 49, he graduated from South Dakota State University with his “useful degree” – a Bachelor's Degree in Nursing. The nursing profession was a perfect fit for Greg's nurturing spirit. His first job as a Registered Nurse was in the Neonatal Intensive Care Unit (NICU) at Rapid City Regional Hospital. He loved the babies and enjoyed the tight-knit NICU staff, but was unable to successfully adjust to working 12-hour night shifts and sleeping during the day. As a result, Greg applied for a position at the VA Black Hills Health Care System as the telephone triage RN. He was selected for the job, and so began his VA career. He went on to provide direct patient care to Veterans in the emergency department; function as the facility's Utilization Management RN; and then work as a Health Systems Specialist for VA headquarters.

Gregory Alan Pauley, 66, Vale, passed away in his sleep on January 14, 2019.

Survivors include his mother, Betty; wife, Amy; son, Ethan, and daughter-in-law, Sarah; brother, Randy, and sister-in-law, Pat; brother-in-law, Roger, and sister-in-law, Renee; and numerous cousins, nieces and nephews.

Greg was preceded in death by his father, Ezra.

A memorial gift will be made to the Battle Mountain Humane Society.

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



Feel No Guilt In Laughter

Feel no guilt in laughter, he'd know how much you care.

Feel no sorrow in a smile that he is not here to share.

You cannot grieve forever; he would not want you to.

He'd hope that you could carry on the way you always do.

So, talk about the good times and the way you showed you cared,

The days you spent together, all the happiness you shared.

Let memories surround you, a word someone may say

Will suddenly recapture a time, an hour or a day,

That brings him back as clearly as though he were still here,

And fills you with the feeling that he is always near.

For if you keep those moments, you will never be apart

And he will live forever locked safely within your heart.