

Paul Ray Marrs was born on November 24, 1955, in Deadwood, South Dakota to Ray and Alice Marrs. Paul was the oldest of four siblings, Annette, Dan, and Kari, and grew up on the family ranch on Whitewood Creek, South Dakota where he lived for his entire life.

Paul started his education in a one-room country school and then continued in Sturgis, graduating from Sturgis Brown High School in 1974. He attended Black Hills State College after high school, graduating in 1979 with a B.S. in Education. Paul worked at Wheeler Lumber during this time, learning the finer points of welding from his mentors. After graduating from college, Paul taught welding at Western Dakota Technical Institute for 18 years and then “retired” to full-time ranching with his father and brother.

During his youth, Paul participated in 4-H, showing cattle and judging livestock, and winning numerous awards and trips. He also loved working on machinery, welding, and building equipment.

Paul attended the Berean Baptist Church in Lead, SD, with his family and trusted Jesus to be his Savior at a young age. As a young adult, the family started attending the Nisland Independent Community Church. Realizing that he had difficulty talking to people, Paul asked God to loose his tongue so that he could serve Him more effectively. As his faith grew and his gift of speaking increased, Paul became actively involved in many areas of service for the Lord. He greatly enjoyed visiting other churches to tell people what God was doing through the Gideon ministry. He became a leader in the Nisland church, serving on the church board as Chairman for several years. Paul was also on the board of Steer, Inc. for many years and always loved visiting with the missionaries at the Missions Conference.

Paul married his beloved “Miss Linda” on October 19, 1991. Paul and Linda established their home on the ranch and welcomed their daughter, Kay, and sons, James and John, to their family. Next to Jesus, his family was the most important thing to Paul. He spent many hours at dance recitals, music recitals, 4-H events and fairs, pageants and loved every minute. Paul was incredibly proud of his family, recently adding a daughter-in-law, Emily, and loved them without reservation. He was most happy when the entire family was together.

Paul was called home by the Lord on February 10, 2024. He will be dearly missed by his wife, Linda; his children, Kay, James (Emily), and John, family, and friends.

A memorial has been established to the Gideons International and Rainbow Bible Ranch.

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

*The family invites you to join them for fellowship and lunch
immediately following the service.
Thank you for your presence and condolences.*

In Loving Memory Of



Paul Ray Marrs

November 24, 1955 ~ February 10, 2024

Behold! I tell you a mystery. We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed, in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet. For the trumpet will sound, and the dead will be raised imperishable, and we shall be changed. For this perishable body must put on the imperishable, and this mortal body must put on immortality. When the perishable puts on the imperishable, and the mortal puts on immortality, then shall come to pass the saying that is written:



*“Death is swallowed up in victory.”
“O death, where is your victory?
O death, where is your sting”*

*The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law.
But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory
through our Lord Jesus Christ.*

1 Corinthians 15: 51-57

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Born

November 24, 1955
Deadwood, South Dakota

Died

February 10, 2024
Rapid City, South Dakota

Celebration of Life

Thursday, February 15, 2024, 11:00 a.m.
Nisland Independent Community Church
Nisland, South Dakota

Officiants

Pastor Chris Jones
Pastor Craig Norwood

Musician

Faith Shuck - pianist
James Marrs - guitar
John Marrs - violin

Musical Selections

“Ashokan Farewell”
“Be Thou My Vision”
“Great is Thy Faithfulness”

Honorary Pallbearers

Larry Reinhold Bruce Brunner
Neil Shuck John Kissack

Final Resting Place

Black Hills National Cemetery
Sturgis, South Dakota