

M. C. "Tater" Hanzlik was born August 16, 1954, to Ray and Frances (Moelter) Hanzlik. He grew up on the family ranch along Sulphur Creek south of Mud Butte, SD. There he joined his four brothers in many adventures, some probably dangerous, and likely instigated by him. Later they were joined by two sisters who completed the family.

Tater went to Squaw Butte School for his elementary education and Faith High School where he graduated in 1972. After high school, he joined a combine crew harvesting wheat, and he also worked for several years at the Cenex station in Sturgis, SD.

He moved to Gillette, WY, to work in the oil industry. On March 18, 1978, he married Renea Mutchler and became Dad to 3-year-old Dana. Trinity was born in 1979 and Heidie in 1981.

In 1986, Tater moved to Winnemucca, NV, and worked with explosives and mining equipment. He returned to SD in 1988 to help his parents on the ranch. While there he also drove semi hauling cattle, which he really enjoyed.

In 1998, Tater returned to Gillette, WY. He worked for a time at the Lightning Lube and on his sister and brother-in-law's ranch. From 2005-2016 he loaded railroad cars for Rail Link, Inc. until his retirement.

Tater loved bowling. For many years he bowled on leagues in Gillette. He enjoyed playing cribbage and could beat anyone at Scrabble, even his mom, which was always his goal! Tater was an avid reader of westerns and enjoyed collecting firearms. His greatest passion in life was spending time with his family, especially his grandbabies. They were the light of his life.

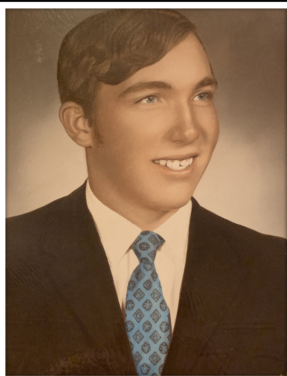
Tater, 65, Gillette, died Saturday, September 28, 2019, at Rapid City Regional Hospital.

Tater is survived by his three daughters, Dana (David) Sparks, Sturgis, SD, Trinity (Robert) Neno, Colorado Springs, CO, and Heidie (Tom) Jasiak, Gillette, WY; six grandchildren, Kadia Sarvey, Brynna Neno, Kaleb Sparks, Jonathan Neno, Joseph Jasiak, and Anna Jasiak; three brothers, Robert (Maureen) Hanzlik, Mud Butte, SD, Norman (Theresa) Hanzlik, Union Center, SD, and Maurice Hanzlik, Winnemucca, NV; and two sisters, Christi (Dennis) Gregersen, Gillette, WY, and Janette Collins, Gillette, WY.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Ray and Frances Hanzlik; one brother, Frank Hanzlik; and his grandparents.

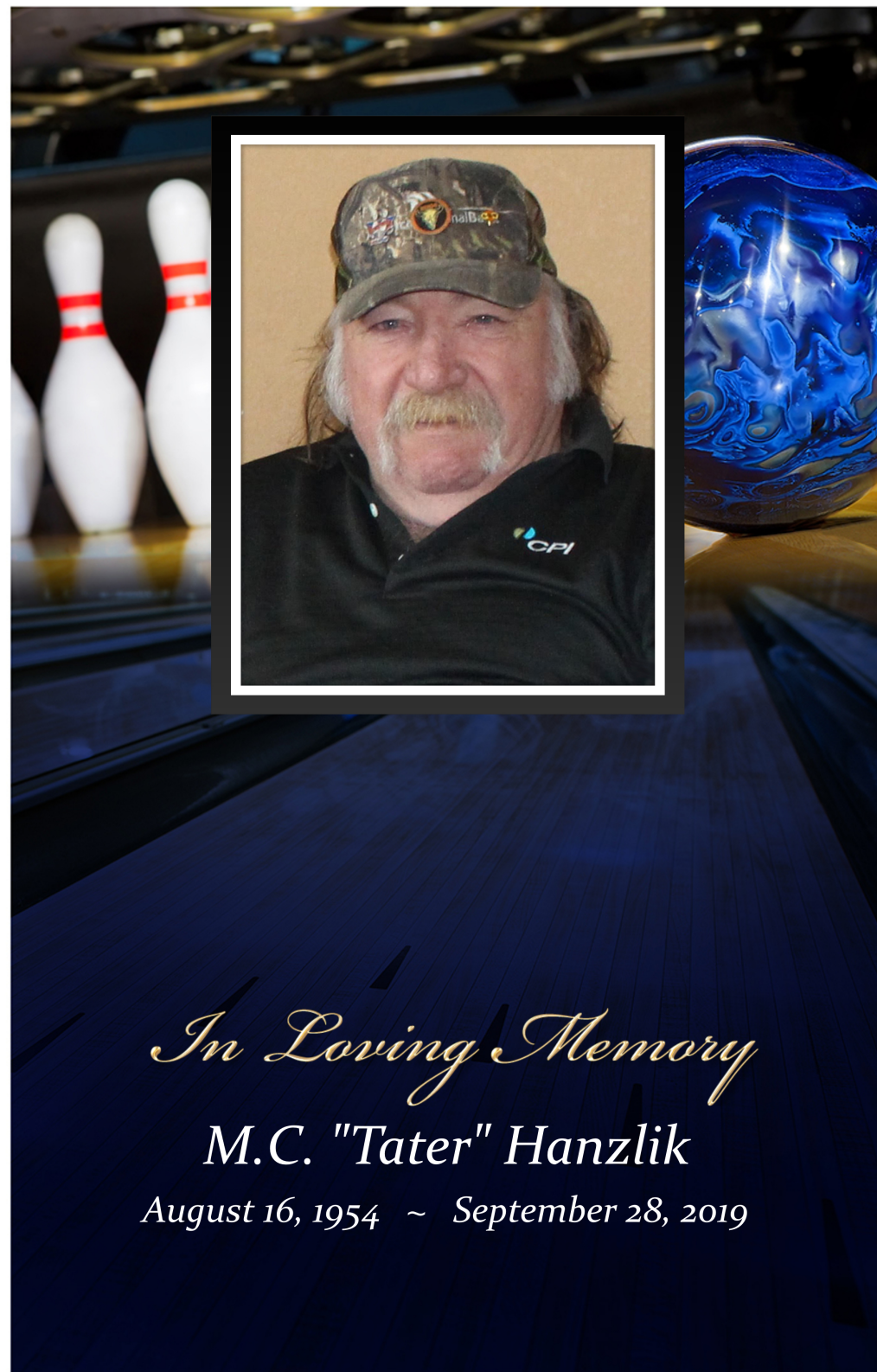
In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Camel Lanes Grand Prix Scholarship.

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



The family invites you to join them for fellowship and lunch in the Erskine Room in the church basement following the funeral service, prior to the committal.

We thank you for your presence and condolences.





In Memory Of
M.C. "Tater" Hanzlik

Date of Birth

August 16, 1954
Sturgis, South Dakota

Date of Death

September 28, 2019
Rapid City, South Dakota

Funeral Service

Friday, October 4, 2019, at 10:00 a.m.
First Presbyterian Church
Sturgis, South Dakota

Officiating

Pastor Harold Delbridge
Reverend Paul Henschen

Musicians

Theresa Hanzlik & Sylvia Rhoden

Songs

"Lead Me Home" "Even Though I'm Leaving" "Daddy's Hands"

Pallbearers

Norman Hanzlik Maurice Hanzlik Bobby Hanzlik
Darwin Hanzlik Harry Einfalt Dennis Gregersen

Honorary Pallbearers

Tom Jasiak Robert Neno Jonathan Neno
Joseph Jasiak Kaleb Sparks David Sparks

Final Resting Place

Fairpoint Cemetery
Fairpoint, South Dakota

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.*