

Larry Dean Morrell, 74, of Sturgis, South Dakota, passed away in his sleep in the early morning of May 9, 2023, after a short illness.

Larry was born in Sturgis on March 3, 1949 to Herbert and Kathleen (Borup) Morrell. His brother, Gary, joined the family several years later.

Larry grew up and attended school in Sturgis, graduating from Sturgis High School in 1968. He loved and participated in sports, lettering in football, basketball, and track. He also played baseball and later helped coach Little League Baseball. He attended Black Hills State College in Spearfish, SD, from 1968-1969.

He worked briefly for Montana Dakota Utilities, but found his calling as a meat cutter, and later as plant manager, with Sturgis Meat Service. He worked at SMS for thirty-two years and was very proud of the fact. He made many friends working at the plant, friendships that lasted for years. If you were a friend, just know, you were a friend for life.

Larry and Candy were married on May 27<sup>th</sup>, 1989. This was the beginning of their blended family. With the blended family came many obstacles, but their love endured all the challenges. They, with the children, spent much time of their free time camping and fishing at Deerfield.

Larry was a very kind man, with a huge, soft heart and that was very clear when it came to the fur babies who adored him. There were many pets over the years, who stole his heart and then broke it when they crossed The Rainbow Bridge. He gave new meaning to the term "Step-Father" because that is what he did, he stepped up! In the words of Josh, "He was my Dad, he loved me when he didn't have to." He was lovingly known as "Pops" by many of the kids.

Larry is survived by his loving wife and best friend of nearly thirty-four years, Candy; his mother, Kathleen Morrell, Sturgis; his brother, Gary (Anna), Tucson, AZ; children, Sarah (Kory) O'Brien, North Dakota, Travis (Rochelle) Thompson, North Dakota, Joie Houchin, Hamilton, Michigan, Shelli (Dave) Nelson, Black Hawk, SD, Sheila (Ben) Standing Bear, Whitewood, SD, Josh (Dani) Houchin, Sturgis, SD, and Shannon (Marnie), Piedmont, SD; aunts, Donna Bonner, Della Hall; and very dear friend, Donna Jacobsen, Piedmont, SD. Larry also leaves behind many grandchildren and great grandchildren, and last, but certainly not least, are his three fur babies; Doxies, Jacob, Allie, and Lucy.

Preceding him death are his father, Herbert Morrell; paternal and maternal grandparents; aunt, Belva Grubl; uncles, Pete Borup, Bernie Hall, and Ramon Grubl; grandchildren, Dara and Kyle Reynolds; nephew, Alex Morrell; never to forget the fur babies; Irish Setters, Starlett and Zoe, Doxies, Max, Abbey, Tucker, Kassie, and Kobe; the greatest love affair was with all the pets, past and present, but especially with Max.

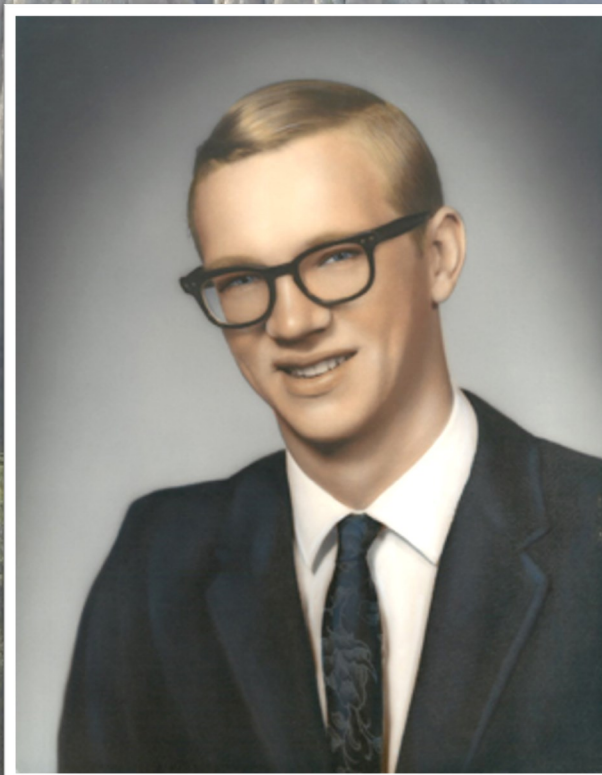
There are no words to adequately express the love we have for this man or the sadness we feel saying "see you later", but there is tremendous joy in knowing Larry is with Jesus and we will meet again.

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

# *In Loving Memory Of*

## *Larry Dean Morrell*

### *March 3, 1949 ~ May 9, 2023*

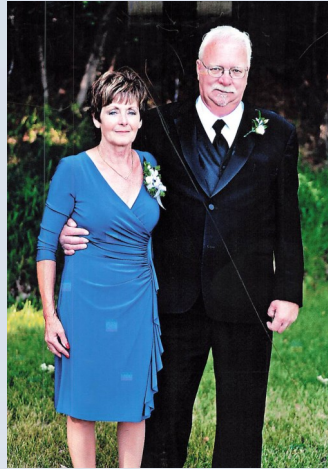




## *I'm Free*

*Don't grieve for me, for now I'm free  
I'm following the path God has laid you see.  
I took His hand when I heard His call  
I turned my back and left it all.*

*I could not stay another day  
To laugh, to love, to work or play.  
Tasks left undone must stay that way  
I found the peace at the close of day.*



*If my parting has left a void  
Then fill it with remembered joys --  
A friendship shared, a laugh, a kiss  
Oh yes, these things I too will miss.*

*Be not burdened with times of sorrow.  
I wish you the sunshine of tomorrow.  
My life's been full, I savored much,  
Good friends, good times, a loved one's touch.*

*Perhaps my time seemed all too brief --  
Don't lengthen it now with undue grief.  
Lift up your hearts, and peace to thee --  
God wanted me now: He set me free.*

## *In Loving Memory Of Larry Dean Morrell*

### *Born*

March 3, 1949  
Sturgis, South Dakota

### *Died*

May 9, 2023  
Sturgis, South Dakota

### *Memorial Service*

Tuesday, May 16, 2023, 2:00 p.m.

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Sturgis, South Dakota

### *Officiants*

Pastor John Williamson  
Pastor Jodie Oliver

### *Reader*

Joie Houchin  
"Epitaph"

### *Music*

"Thank God I Do" "I Can Only Imagine"  
"Go Rest High"  
"Amazing Grace (My Chains Are Gone)"  
"I Will Always Love You" "My Way"  
"Scars in Heaven"