

## **John J. Weiers**

John J. Weiers was born August 19, 1923, in Sturgis to Peter and Henrietta (Richards) Weiers. He grew up in Sturgis and later lived in the Tilford area where the family built a one room cabin during the summer months and finished it prior to winter. After his father died, John went to work at various farms and ranches in the area to help support the family. He then joined the Civilian Conservation Corp and worked on the Sheridan Lake Project for 2 years. After the project was finished, he went to work for Homestake Mining Company where he worked for 40 years.

John was united in marriage to Virginia Baker on February 13, 1946. She preceded him in death on November 28, 1972. On August 19, 1974, he was united in marriage to Sonya Hartl. She preceded him in death on September 13, 1988.

John was a member of the Lead Elks Club, the Lead Moose Club, and the United Steelworkers of America. He was also a member of St. Patrick's Catholic Church in Lead.

John will always be remembered for his gentle nature and love of a good story. He treasured time with his family and loved to hunt, fish, and do woodworking.

John, 87, Sturgis, died peacefully at his home surrounded by his family on Wednesday, July 27, 2011.

Survivors include his children, Tom (Deborah) Weiers, Rigby, ID, Tim (Kim) Weiers, Littleton, CO, Joanie (Kerry) Downs, Fairview, TX, Sheila Weiers, Palm Springs, CA, Judy Weiers, Palm Springs, CA, and Brigitte (Brad) Nelson, Sturgis; stepchildren, Scott Hartl, Mark (Sharon) Hartl, and Larry Hartl, all of Spearfish, Monte (Amy) Hartl, Rapid City, and Shelley Donolan, Sturgis; seventeen grandchildren; twelve great-grandchildren; and numerous nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by Virginia and Sonya; one son, Gary; six brothers; and five sisters.

A memorial has been established to St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Church in Sturgis.

## *In Loving Memory Of*



*John J. Weiers*

*1923 ~ 2011*



*God Bless the Old People  
by John J. Weiers*

*I love and admire the old people  
Because they paved the way  
for the younger generation, the people of today.  
But sometimes I've wondered and worried  
about all the hell that they went through  
to teach us what we know today.  
And yet we know it's true.  
For they taught us how.  
So many things  
For instance  
Good frame of mind.  
It helps us in our path of life,  
It's handy anytime.  
For we have God, food, clothes and all.  
And sometimes worries and woes.  
But that's the way God made.  
And so it's the way it goes.*

*In Loving Memory Of*

***John Jacob Weiers***

***Born***

August 19, 1923  
Sturgis, South Dakota

***Died***

July 27, 2011  
Sturgis, South Dakota

***Memorial Service***

Saturday, July 30, 2011, at 10:00 a.m.  
Kinkade Funeral Chapel

***Officiating***

Father Arnold Kari

***Musical Selections***

"Keeper Of The Stars"  
"For The Good Times"

***Honorary Pallbearers***

John Thomas Weiers ~ Bobby Weiers ~ Timothy Weiers  
Joe Weiers ~ Mark Hartl ~ Monte Hartl  
Brad Nelson ~ Gregory Weiers  
Larry Hartl ~ Todd Haltiner

*The family invites everyone to a time of fellowship and lunch at St.  
Francis of Assisi parish hall following the memorial service.  
We thank you for your presence and condolences.*