

Dean Wendell Miller

Dean was born to Charles and Florence Miller on November 20, 1933 in Sturgis, SD. He was raised in Vale, SD on his parent's beef farm, where he enjoyed fishing and hunting with his siblings. Dean graduated from Sturgis High School in 1951. After high school, he worked at the Ford Garage and on a dairy farm with his future father-in-law, Glenn Murray. During Dean's free time, he enjoyed dancing and roller skating with family and friends. He considered joining the Navy, but later decided to work on the family beef farm with his father. Dean married the love of his life, Donna Lee Murray, on May 13, 1956, shortly after they moved to the Miller farm near Vale, SD.

Dean loved tinkering and welding in order to make his work more efficient. He loved playing cribbage and dominos, farming, collecting John Deere tractors, raising his 4 children, and being with family, where he loved telling his many stories. He was a lifetime member of the Western Dakota Antique Club and a member of the Dairy Farmers of America. In 1966, Dean and Donna transitioned the family beef farm to a dairy farm. It was on this farm they raised their 4 kids, lots of chickens, and baby calves. After 42 years, they sold the farm, retired, and settled in Sturgis near Donna's childhood home.

Dean W. Miller, 86, of Sturgis, died on August 30, 2020 after a short stay at the Monument Health Hospital in Rapid City, SD.

Survivors include his brother, Ernest of Sturgis, SD; his sons, Norman (Charlene) Miller of Choctaw, OK, Robert (Jene) Miller of Sturgis, SD, and James (Laura) Miller of Sweetwater, TN; his daughter, April (Patrick) McFall of Loveland, CO; and 9 grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents; 4 sisters, Maxine, Anna, Goldie, and Doris "Peggy"; and 2 brothers, Donald and Edwin.

In lieu of flowers, please donate to the Rainbow Bible Camp - 14676 Lone Tree Road, Sturgis, SD 57785, or Western Dakota Antique Club -13380 Alkali Road, Sturgis, South Dakota 57785.

Condolences can be sent to www.kinkadefunerals.com.

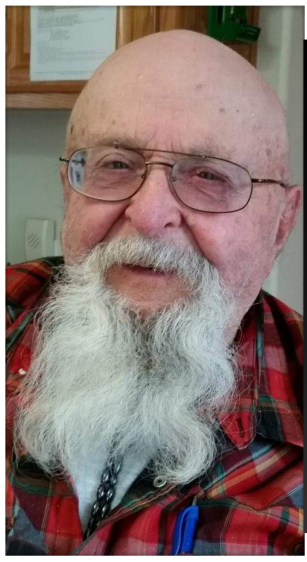
The family invites you to join them for fellowship and lunch at the Boulder Canyon Convention Center following the memorial service. We thank you for your presence and condolences.



In Loving Memory

Dean Wendell Miller

November 20, 1933 ~ August 30, 2020



In Memory Of
Dean Wendell Miller

Date of Birth
November 20, 1933
Sturgis, South Dakota

Date of Death
August 30, 2020
Rapid City, South Dakota

Service
Saturday, September 5, 2020, at 10:00 a.m.
Kinkade Funeral Chapel
Sturgis, South Dakota

Clergy
Pastor Larry Reinhold

Musician
Danny Chapman

Songs
"I Want To Stroll Over Heaven With You"
"I'll Fly Away"

He Is Gone

*You can shed tears that he is gone,
Or you can smile because he has lived.
You can close your eyes and pray that he'll come back,
Or you can open your eyes and see all that he's left.
Your heart can be empty because you can't see him,
Or you can be full of the love that you shared.
You can turn your back on tomorrow and live yesterday,
Or you can be happy for tomorrow because of yesterday.
You can remember him and only that he is gone,
Or you can cherish his memory and let it live on.
You can cry and close your mind, be empty and turn your back
Or you can do what he'd want: smile, open your eyes, love, and go on.*
David Harkins

