

Ronald Lee “Ron” Zacher

Ron Zacher of Lead, SD, at age 74, passed away on May 8, 2021, at Department of Affairs Fort Meade Veterans hospital in Fort Meade, SD. Ron was born on July 8, 1946, in Dupree, SD, to Anton “Tony” Nick Zacher and Christina Frankfurth. Ron was the second oldest of five kids; Don, Jim, Jack, and Beverly. Ron graduated from High school in Eagle Butte, SD.

Ron joined the Marine Corps on January 25, 1966. Ron finished basic training in Camp Pendleton in San Diego, CA. On Sept 4, 1966, he left Camp Pendleton for Vietnam with K Company 3rd BN 26th Marines. Ron was wounded with a chicom grenade in February 1967. Ron was transported to a Hospital ship located off the coast of Vietnam and then to Japan before being transported State side to recover at Bremerton Naval Hospital before returning to Lead, SD. Merle Hulm was with Ron through Basic training and was present when Ron was injured. Merle helped with Ron’s evacuation. Merle visited Ron in the hospital in Japan. Ron was very grateful for Merle and his support over the years. Ron attended multiple Marine Corps Reunions where they visited with old friends and shared stories. Ron was very proud of his time serving his Country in the Marine Corps and every year he celebrated the Marine birthday on November 10th.

Ron returned home to Lead, SD, he worked for Homestake Mining Company for 27 years. After the Mine, Ron worked at the VA hospital at Fort Meade in Sturgis, SD, until his retirement.

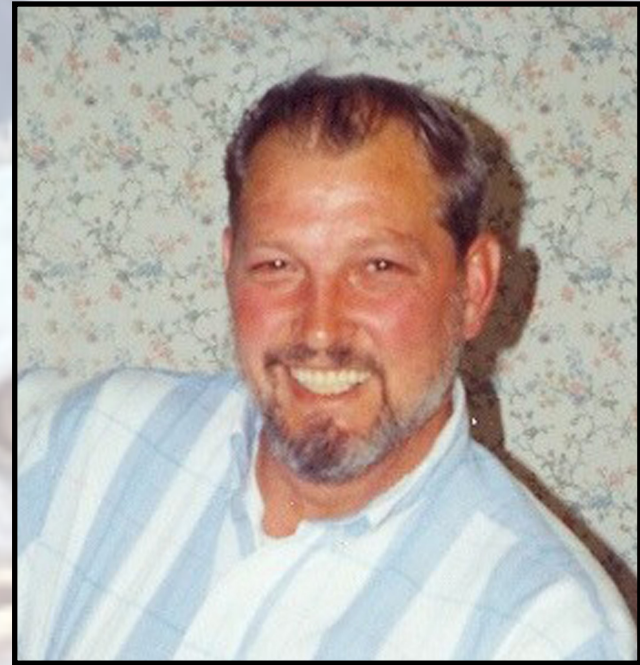
Ron was an avid hunter and fisherman. Ron loved the outdoors. He could tell you the nearest fishing hole, spot an elk or deer before anyone else, and was an expert marksman. Ron hunted more than big game and birds; Ron was also a rock hound. He enjoyed tricking folks with “leav-r-rite” rocks.

Ron was a sportsman and he also had an artistic side to him. He carved the most beautiful Jack o lanterns and loved to teach the kids how to have fun at Halloween with the incredible carvings. Ron loved life and was always up for adventure. Over the years Ron took many road trips, went hunting deer and pheasant with Russel Edwards. Ron shot his last Elk in 2009 with Russel. Ron was surrounded by many trophies from years of hunting, fishing, and rock hounding. Ron was always good for a story from a hunt or fishing trip, and there were some good ones, including the one that got away!

Ron is survived by; his wife, Vicky; three daughters, Tammy (Chuck) Pickett, Shelly Zacher, and Heidi (Robert) Covell; stepson, Ryan (Laura) Burdick; brothers, Don (Irene) Zacher, and Jim Zacher; sister, Beverly (Mark) Keffeler; five grandchildren, Mike Pickett, Thomas Pickett, Tyler Covell, Haley (Eli) Harms, and Faith Burdick; six great-grandchildren, Aiden Pickett, Harper Pickett, Tyson Pickett, Luna Harms, Adaiah Harms, and Aspen Lindwurm; and many nieces and nephews.

Ron was preceded in his passing by his Mother, Father, and brother, Jack.

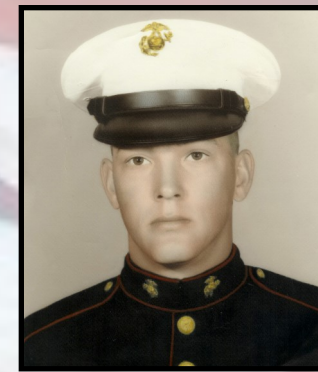
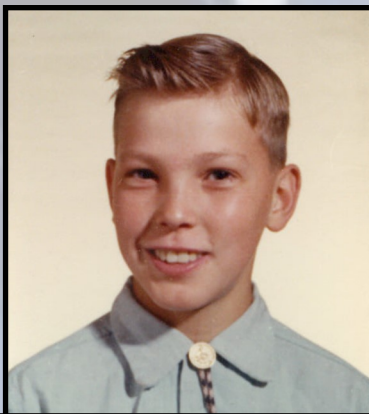
Condolences may be sent to the family at www.kinkadefunerals.com.



In Loving Memory Of

Ronald Lee “Ron” Zacher

July 8, 1946 - May 8, 2021



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Born

July 8, 1946
Dupree, South Dakota

Died

May 8, 2021
Fort Meade, South Dakota

Visitation

11:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. Friday, May 14, 2021
Kinkade Funeral Chapel
Sturgis, South Dakota

Pallbearers

Ryan Burdick Robert Covell Tyler Covell
Mike Pickett Thomas Pickett Chuck Pickett

Honorary Pallbearer

Eli Harms

Military Honors

Sturgis Veterans Honor Guard
Marine Honor Guard

Final Resting Place

Black Hills National Cemetery
Sturgis, South Dakota

but those who trust in the Lord will
renew their strength; they will soar on
wings like eagles; they will run and not
grow weary; they will walk and not
faint.

Isaiah 40:31

