

Lee Roy Braun, 83, passed away on May 18, 2021 at the Fort Meade VA Hospital after a short illness.

Lee was born on September 18, 1937 to Raphael and Anna (Mischel) Braun. He was the 4<sup>th</sup> of 6 children. He grew up and attended schools in Haynes, ND. After graduation, Lee joined the U.S. Air Force. While stationed in California, he met Sharon Poppleton and to this union his son, Edward, was born.

Lee and Edward eventually returned to North Dakota, where Lee worked in road construction. This is when he met and married Margaret Fjeldahl. Two children, Roberta and Martin, were added to the family.

Lee spent many years working in the Hettinger and Haynes areas, ranching and farming, and working various other jobs. He began working in the oil fields during this time, and it was then that he met Dorothy Heil, the love of his life. They married on October 28, 1983. In 1986, they moved to Newell, SD, where Lee began work for the State Highway Department, and later the City of Newell. This is where Lee and Dorothy retired and made their forever home.

Lee was known around town for his gardening, winemaking, killing dandelions, his beautiful yard, bluntness, sly smile, work ethic, and his Catholic faith. He had lost most of his eyesight several years ago from his medical conditions, but he continued onward with his gardening and winemaking despite this setback. We are so grateful that Lee can now see again.

He is survived by his wife, Dorothy; sons, Edward “Thumper” (Barb) Braun of Belfield, ND, and Martin (Sharon) Braun of Belfield, ND; daughter, Roberta Braun of Grand Junction, CO; grandson, Stephan Lugo of Grand Junction, CO; stepchildren, Dee Dee, Desi, Dave, and Dana; sister-in-law, Mary Braun of Lead, SD; brother, Tom (Irene) Braun of Box Elder, SD; and numerous step-grandchildren, nieces, and nephews.

Lee is preceded in death by his parents; sisters, Anna Faye, Mary Ann, and Beatrice; brother, Edward “Bud”; nephews, John and David; and niece, Doris.

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



*In Loving Memory Of*

**Lee Roy Braun**

**September 18, 1937 ~ May 18, 2021**





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**Lee Roy Braun**

***Born***

September 18, 1937  
Haynes, North Dakota

***Died***

May 18, 2021  
Fort Meade, South Dakota

***Vigil***

Thursday, May 20, 2021, at 6:00 p.m.  
St. Mary Star of the Sea Catholic Church  
Newell, South Dakota

***Mass of Christian Burial***

Friday, May 21, 2021, at 10:00 a.m.  
St. Mary Star of the Sea Catholic Church  
Newell, South Dakota

***Officiating***

Fr. Timothy Castor

***Musician***

Dr. Barry Furze

***Special Music***

"On Eagle's Wings" "Be Not Afraid" "I am the Bread of Life"  
"Ave Maria" "Come to His Aid" "How Great Thou Art"

***Honorary Pallbearers***

All Lee's Beloved  
Friends and Family Members

***Military Honors***

Sturgis Veterans Honor Guard  
United States Air Force Honor Guard

***Final Resting Place***

Black Hills National Cemetery  
Sturgis, South Dakota

***I'm Free***

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

