

Perry William Smith, Jr.



Perry William Smith, Jr. was born at the family home in New Underwood, SD, on October 17, 1931, to Perry and Amanda (Sattler) Smith. He lived his childhood with his parents and siblings on the ranch in Hereford, SD. Perry attended grade school at Doyle and attended New Underwood High School his freshman year.

He served during the Korean War in the U.S. Marine Corps from 1952 to 1954.

In October of 1954, Perry met the love of his life at a dance in Whitewood, SD. Perry and Carol Whittaker were married October 22, 1955. They rented the Stoakley Tibble farm until January 1960 when they bought the Knute Kjorness ranch on Middle Brushie Creek southwest of Faith, SD. Perry and Carol were blessed with eight children; Sandra, Dixie, Wanda, Penny, Doug, Kevin, Monte, and Greg.

He spent 55 years devoted to ranching, raising his children, and enjoying his grandchildren and great-grandchildren. "His heritage to his children wasn't words or possessions, but an unspoken treasure, the treasure of his example as a man and father."

Perry, 85, of Rapid City, died Monday, August 7, 2017, at Rapid City Regional Hospice House.

Perry is survived by his wife, Carol; children, Sandra (Maynard) Gjevre, Dixie (Mike) Briggs, Penny (Ron) Weifenbach, Doug (Penny) Smith, Kevin (Jimie) Smith, Monte (Stacy) Smith, and Greg (Lindy) Smith; eighteen grandchildren; thirteen great-grandchildren; sisters, Shirley Schuetpelz and Nylia (Harold) Severson; and brothers, Rob Smith and Tom (Linda) Smith.

Perry was preceded in death by his parents; brothers, Jack Smith and Keith Smith; sister, Karen (Smith) Delbridge; sister-in-law, Kay Smith; brother-in-law, Wesley Schuetpelz; and his precious daughter, Wanda Rae Smith.

In lieu of flowers a memorial will be established for the Faith and Opal Fire Departments.

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



The family invites you to join them for fellowship and lunch in the Erskine Room in the church basement following the funeral service. We thank you for your presence and condolences.

In Loving Memory Of



Perry William Smith, Jr.

October 17, 1931 ~ August 7, 2017



GOD SAW

*God saw he was getting tired
and a cure was not to be
So He put His arms around him
And whispered "come to Me."
With tearful eyes we watched him suffer
And saw him fade away
Although we loved him dearly
We could not make him stay.
A golden heart stopped beating
Hardworking hands to rest
God broke our hearts to prove to us
He takes the very best.*

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Born

October 17, 1931
Hereford, South Dakota

Died

August 7, 2017
Rapid City, South Dakota

Funeral Service

Tuesday, August 15, 2017, at 11:00 a.m.
First Presbyterian Church
Sturgis, South Dakota

Officiants

Rev. Denzel Nonhof
Pastor Harold Delbridge

Musician

Arlie Hulm

Musical Selections

"Amazing Grace" "My Ol' Man"
"Go Rest High On That Mountain"

Eulogy

Michael Johnson

Pallbearers

Jon Briggs ~ Nathan Briggs ~ Connor Smith
Dillon Smith ~ Luke Smith ~ Jackson Smith

Honorary Pallbearers

All Family and Friends

Interment

Black Hills National Cemetery
Sturgis, South Dakota