



## ***Kenneth Eugene Peterson***

Kenneth E. Peterson, 75, Sturgis, SD passed away Friday, July 11, 2025 at Monument Health Rapid City.

Ken was born July 4, 1950 in Wagner, SD to Kenneth and Olga (Haeuszer) Peterson. He graduated in 1968 from Wagner High school and for a time he attended Nettleton College in Sioux Falls.

Ken brought his family to the Black Hills early in their lives (1978). After going through a divorce, Ken remarried Deborah Pokorney in August of 1983. This was the beginning of 41 years of married life, as they watched their family grow. Later in life, Ken loved watching his grandkids and going to their sporting events and concerts.

Among his hobbies, Ken loved NASCAR, Michael Jordan and the Chicago Bulls. He enjoyed working and talking to people; making many lifelong friends along the way.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Olga and Kenneth Peterson; sister, Karen Carpenter; and brother-in-law, Rick Carpenter.

Ken is survived by his wife, Deb; children, Lisa Peterson and Tera Davis; Stepchildren, Danny Tobias, Miguel (Betsey) Tobias, and Melissa (Brian) Hansen and grandchildren, Abby, Ross, Ian, Orion, Xavier, Kayda, Sophia, Maya, Taylor, Isabella, and Peyton.

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

*The family invites you to join them for fellowship and a meal at the Sturgis Vets Club, 868 Main St., following the service.  
Thank you for your presence and condolences.*



## ***In Loving Memory***



***Kenneth Eugene Peterson***

***July 4, 1950 ~ July 11, 2025***



*Don't cry for me. I will be okay.  
Heaven is my home now,  
and this is where I'll stay.*

*Don't cry for me. I'm where I belong.  
I want you to be happy  
and try to stay strong.*

*Don't cry for me. It was just my time,  
but I will see you someday  
on the other side.*

*Don't cry for me. I am not alone.  
The angels are with me  
to welcome me home.*

*Don't cry for me, for I have no fear.  
All my pain is gone,  
and Jesus took my tears.*

*Don't cry for me. This is not the end.  
I'll be waiting here for you  
when we meet again.*

*- Deborah Garcia Gaitan*

*In Loving Memory Of  
Kenneth Eugene Peterson*

*Born*  
July 4, 1950  
Wagner, South Dakota

*Died*  
July 11, 2025  
Rapid City, South Dakota

*Memorial Service*  
Friday, July 18, 2025, 12:00 noon  
Kinkade Funeral Chapel  
Sturgis, South Dakota

*Officiant*  
Pastor John Tesnow

*Musical Selections*  
"Stand by Me" "Always On My Mind"  
"The Dance" "Long Tall Texan"

*Honorary Pallbearers*  
Ryan Lunn Curtis Lunn  
Chris Carpenter Chad Carpenter  
Brian Hansen

*"A Grandpa  
is like a dad  
with less rules."*