

Ernest Dale Sundstrom

Ernest D. Sundstrom, 90, Athens, GA, went joyfully into the arms of his Heavenly Father on July 17, 2020. Ernie was born on April 15, 1930, to the late Elsie and Carl Sundstrom at the family ranch near Mud Butte in Meade County, SD. Ernie loved to play his guitar and sing country songs. He was an active member of Trinity Lutheran Church in Athens, GA. Ernie was an avid fixer and builder and enjoyed working on cars.

Ernie attended grade school at Mud Butte and then went on to Sturgis High School where he graduated in 1948. After high school, Ernie worked as a derrick man in the oilfields of Wyoming, Colorado, and Texas. He served in the Army's 955th Field Artillery Battalion, C Battery, in the Korean war.

Ernie attended the School of Mines in Rapid City, SD, graduating in 1958 with a Mechanical Engineering degree. Ernie operated and designed coal, gas, oil, geothermal and solar power plants. He was a registered mechanical engineer in five states.

He is survived by his wife, Esther Sundstrom, Athens, GA; two sons, Dale Sundstrom, Simsbury, CT, and James (Susan) Sundstrom, Lansing, MI; two stepsons, Mike (Veronica) Gilbert, San Jose, CA, and Larry (Cindy) Gilbert, Winder, GA; one daughter, Linda Decker, Traverse City, MI; one stepdaughter, Sharon (Pat) Gish, Macon, GA; five grandsons, Cliff (Natani), Ronny, and Erick Sundstrom, Christian Byington, and Andrew Decker; five granddaughters, Jordan (Sean Noell) and Taylor Byington, Kaitlyn (Karl) Warsinski, Megan Sundstrom, and Emily Decker; one great-grandson, Brady Noell; one great-granddaughter, Hadley Noell; one older brother, Juno, Deadwood, SD; one sister, LaVera (Bud) Chord, Sturgis, SD; and many nieces and nephews.

Ernie was preceded in death by his first wife, Iola (Erickson), and daughter, Nancy Sundstrom.

Memorials may be sent to Blessed Emmanuel Lutheran Church of Sturgis, SD or the St. Joseph Indian School, Chamberlain, SD 57325.

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



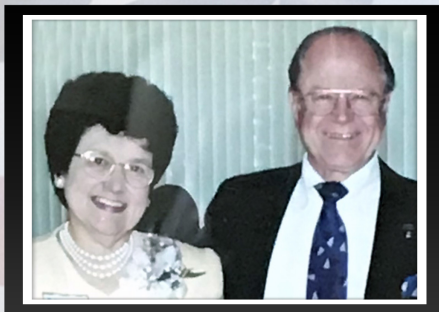
The family thanks you for your presence and condolences.



In Loving Memory

Ernest Dale Sundstrom

April 15, 1930 ~ July 17, 2020



Ernie's walk of Faith

At the age of 11, I was baptized with three of my siblings. At 27, I joined the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod (LCMS). I always knew "someday" I would go home to heaven. After many years of blessings from the Lord my "someday" has finally arrived. I wish I could tell you what heaven is like, but my desire is for you to join me later when your "someday" arrives. How do I know this to be true? The Bible which is God's word, is truth and the truth will set you free. As Jesus says, "Watch and pray so that you will not fall into temptation. The spirit is willing, but the flesh is weak." Mark 14:38. Live the spiritual life which follows heavenly things and make sure you are ready for your "someday".

May the Holy Spirit fill you with His truth and love.

*Love and God's Blessings,
Your brother in Christ,
Ernie*

In Memory Of

Ernest Dale Sundstrom

Date of Birth

April 15, 1930

Mud Butte, South Dakota

Date of Death

July 17, 2020

Athens, Georgia

Service

Friday, July 31, 2020, at 11:00 a.m.

Blessed Emmanuel Lutheran Church

Sturgis, South Dakota

Clergy

Pastor John Fries

Songs

Congregational Hymns

Hymn # 725 "Children of the Heavenly Father"

Hymn # 763 "When Peace Like A River"

Hymn # 744 "Amazing Grace"

Pallbearers

Duane Kirk ~ Darrell Sundstrom ~ Rory Sundstrom

Dane Sundstrom ~ Darcy Sundstrom ~ Randy O'Dea

Honorary Pallbearers

Gary Babb ~ Casey Chord ~ David Sundstrom

Military Honors

Sturgis Veteran's Honor Guard

Final Resting Place

Black Hills National Cemetery

Sturgis, South Dakota