

## Lee Stephen Wright

Lee Stephen Wright was born December 10, 1919, at Vale, SD, to William and Jessie (Berry) Wright. He grew up and attended school in Vale. Lee served in the US Army from 1944 until his honorable discharge in 1946.

Lee moved to Iowa then returned to South Dakota. He married Mildred Osborne in Spearfish in 1938. To this union, two children were born, John and Gussie. Following Mildred's death, he married Vera King in 1963. After Vera's death, Lee married Eleanor Kopp in Sturgis in 1995.

Lee worked at Homestake Gold Mine in Lead for 34 years. He retired in 1982.

He was a member of St. Francis of Assisi, the Knights of Columbus, and Sturgis Golden K Kiwanis. Lee enjoyed fishing, hunting, golfing, playing cards, and spending time with his family and his extended family.

Lee, 93, Sturgis, died Sunday, August 4, 2013, at the Department of Veterans Affairs Fort Meade Community Living Center following an extended illness.

Survivors include his wife, Eleanor Wright, Sturgis; his daughter, Gussie Erickson, Sturgis; his stepsons, J. Ed (Debra) King, Meeker, CO, Dik (Suzanne) Kopp, Newcastle, WY, Dennis (Tina) Kopp, Sturgis, and Neil (Mary) Kopp, Newcastle, WY; stepdaughters, Paula (Robert) Whetzal, Sturgis, Bonnie Bruch, Sturgis, Patti (Kim) Coe, Vale, SD, Connie Grayum, Locust Grove, OK, and Carmen (Todd) Sherman, Wilmington, NC; twenty-nine grandchildren; twenty-eight great-grandchildren; and one great-great-grandchild.

He was preceded in death by his parents; his wives, Mildred and Vera; his son, John Wright; two grandsons, Trent Coe and Byron Crown; and six brothers and sisters.

A memorial has been established to St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Church.

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

## *In Loving Memory Of*



## *Lee Stephen Wright*

*1919 ~ 2013*

*The family invites you to join them for fellowship and lunch  
in the parish hall following the committal service.  
We thank you for your presence and condolences.*



*Memories For My Dad*

*God saw he was getting tired,  
And a cure could not be.*

*So He put His arms around him,  
And whispered, "Come with 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,  
Hard working hands to rest.*

*God broke our hearts to prove  
He only took the best.*

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***Lee Stephen Wright***

***Born***

December 10, 1919  
Vale, South Dakota

***Died***

August 4, 2013  
Fort Meade, South Dakota

***Vigil***

Tuesday, August 6, 2013, at 7:00 p.m.  
Kinkade Funeral Chapel

***Mass of Christian Burial***

Wednesday, August 7, 2013, at 9:00 a.m.  
St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Church

***Celebrant***

Father Arnold Kari

***Organist***

Dr. Barry Furze

***Singers***

Lisa Gruhn ~ Karen Voller

***Pallbearers***

Chris Burke ~ Danny Solas ~ JD Kopp  
Zweit Bruch ~ Jason Paulsen ~ Keystone Kopp  
Toby Davenport ~ Rob Whetzal ~ Steve Sisk

***Honorary Pallbearers***

All Grandchildren

***Military Honors***

Rapid City Post 1273 Honor Guard

***Interment***

Black Hills National Cemetery