

Joseph Kotak, Jr.

Joe was born January 7, 1935, at Fulton Run, PA, to Joseph, Sr., and Mary (Blazavich) Kotak. He was raised in Pennsylvania and attended Catholic School. At the age of 18, he enlisted in the US Marine Corps and served his country honorably.

He met Juanita "Jennie" Linn Munoz and they were married at Jacksonville, NC, on March 20, 1957. They moved to Niagara Falls, NY, where Joe worked in factories. They moved to South Dakota in the 60's where Joe was employed as a lumber grader for Homestake Wood Products company. The family lived in Spearfish.

Joe was a member of the SD Army National Guard for 25 years as a food service specialist. He was a great cook for family and friends. He won several chili cook-off contests in Belle Fourche, Lead, and Deadwood. He and his wife were very good bowlers and won a state championship.

He was the cook at the Lawrence County jail. At least once a week, he baked goodies for the prisoners. He was a good-hearted person.

Joseph Kotak, Jr., 85, Spearfish, died Tuesday, May 12, 2020, at Fort Meade VA Medical Center at Fort Meade, SD.

Survivors include his son, Joseph Karlos; daughter, Karen Kotak; three grandsons, Lance Karlos, Jesse Karlos, and Jacob Kotak; a sister and five sisters-in-law, Vera Iverson, Margaret (George) Gerbracht, Mary Lundstrom, Martha Huffman, and Diana (Arlan) Shoemaker; and numerous cousins, nieces, and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents; his wife, Jennie in 2016; and several brothers.

"Together Again"



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We thank you for your presence and condolences.



In Loving Memory

Joseph Kotak, Jr.

January 7, 1935 ~ May 12, 2020



The Twenty-Third Psalm

*The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want.
He maketh me to lie down in green pastures:*

He leadeth me beside the still waters.

*He restoreth my soul: He leadeth me in the
paths of righteousness for His name's sake.*

*Yea, though I walk through the valley of
the shadow of death, I will fear no evil:*

*for thou art with me; Thy rod and
thy staff they comfort me.*

*Thou preparest a table before me in the presence
of mine enemies: thou anointest my head
with oil; my cup runneth over.*

*Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me
all the days of my life: and I will
dwell in the house of the Lord forever.*



In Memory Of **Joseph Kotak, Jr.**

Date of Birth

January 7, 1935
Fulton Run, Pennsylvania

Date of Death

May 12, 2020
Fort Meade, South Dakota

Funeral Service

Monday, May 18, 2020, at 11:30 a.m.
Kinkade Funeral Chapel
Sturgis, South Dakota

Celebrant

Father Timothy Castor

Songs

"Amazing Grace" "On Eagle's Wings"

Pallbearers

Jesse Karlos ~ Lance Karlos
John Truman ~ Arlan Shoemaker

Final Resting Place

Black Hills National Cemetery
Sturgis, South Dakota