

Ernest Wade Wilson was born on July 19, 1931 in Faith, SD to Vivian (Seaver) and W.H. "Bub" Wilson. He passed from this life on Tuesday, October 27, 2020 after a brief battle with cancer.

Ernest grew up on the family ranch south of Bison, where he attended rural schools in the area. After graduating, he attended Ag School in Brookings. In 1952, he enlisted in the United States Army, serving during the Korean War. Ernest was honorably discharged in 1954. In 1955, he married the love of his life, Beatrice Gunderson, and to this union was born three beloved children, Colleen May, Wade Alan, and Carol Jayne. The family moved to Belle Fourche, where Ernest worked for several years as a mechanic for H&B Tractor until 1964, when they decided to move back to the ranch. He engaged in ranching with his parents until 1989 when, due to health reasons, Ernest had to quit ranching. After leaving the ranch, he and Bea decided to settle and make their home in Sturgis.

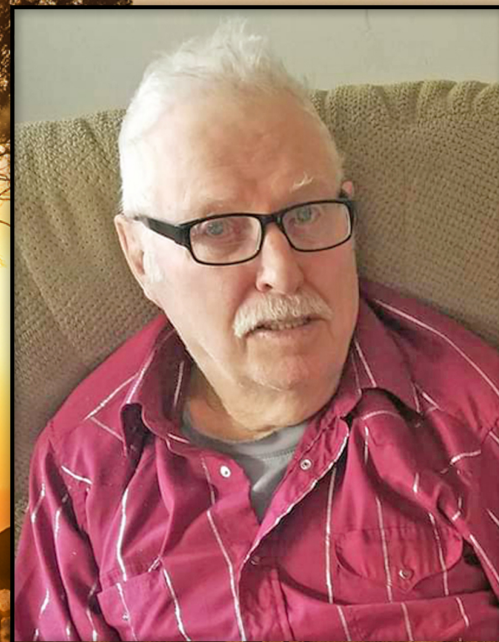
Ernest was involved in driving the senior bus, making many trips to Hot Springs for veterans. He was a dedicated part of the Sturgis Veterans Honor Guard, and never missed a funeral to honor his fellow veterans.

Grateful for having shared in his life is his wife of 65 years, Bea Wilson; his children, Colleen McKinstry, Wade Wilson, and Carol (James) Charles; a sister, Lois Allart; 11 grandchildren; 18 great-grandchildren; 1 great-great-grandchild; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Ernest was preceded in death by his parents, W.H. "Bub" and Vivian Wilson; and his brothers, Vern, Gene, Leonard, and baby Donald.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made in Ernest's memory to the Sturgis Veterans Honor Guard.

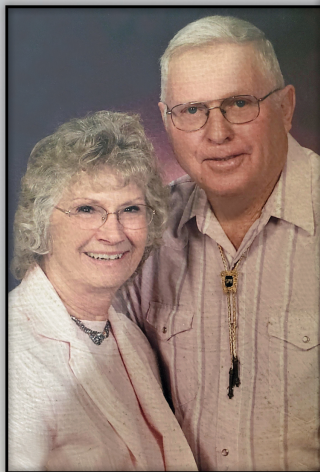
Condolences may be sent to the family at www.kinkadefunerals.com.



IN LOVING MEMORY

Ernest Wade Wilson

July 19, 1931 ~ October 27, 2020



In Memory Of **Ernest Wade Wilson**

Date of Birth

July 19, 1931
Faith, South Dakota

Date of Death

October 27, 2020
Spearfish, South Dakota

Funeral Service

Monday, November 2, 2020, at 1:00 p.m.
Kinkade Funeral Chapel
Sturgis, South Dakota

Officiating

Pastor Tom Martin

Songs

"Blessed Assurance"
"Go Rest High On That Mountain"
"The Rose"

Pallbearers

Cory McKinstry Chad Moyers John Kari
Jim Charles Heath McKinstry Devin Ward

Honorary Pallbearer

Wayne Besler

Military Honors

Sturgis Veterans Honor Guard
South Dakota Army National Guard

Final Resting Place

Black Hills National Cemetery
Sturgis, South Dakota

Miss Me - But Let Me Go

When I come to the end of the road
And the sun has set for me,
I want no rites in a gloom-filled room
Why cry for a soul set free?

Miss me a little – but not for long
And not with your head bowed low
Remember the love that we once shared
Miss me – but let me go.

For this is a journey we all must take
And each must go alone
It's all a part of the Master's plan
And a step on the road to home.

When you are lonely and sick of heart
Go to the friends we know
And bury your sorrows in doing good deeds
Miss me – but let me go.