

William Dean Whittington

William Dean Whittington was born November 17, 1955, at Hawarden, IA, to William H. and Edna (Van de Hoef) Whittington. He grew up on the family farm and attended school in Hawarden.

Dean started learning his carpentry trade at an early age, building pole barns. He eventually moved to Mitchell, SD, where he met Andrea Dunnam, the love of his life. Dean and Andrea were married April 12, 1976, in Mitchell. They moved to Rapid City where he became a successful finish carpenter.

Dean loved the outdoors, motorcycling, snowmobiling, ATVing, and camping. His grandchildren were the highlight of his life. He was always taking them camping and 4-wheeling. He tried to teach them everything he could, knowing his days were numbered. He was a kind and patient man who was loved by all who knew him.

Dean, 57, Rapid City, died Wednesday, May 1, 2013, at his home surrounded by his family after a battle with lung cancer.

Survivors include his wife of 37 years, Andrea "Andy" Whittington, Rapid City; two daughters, Destiny Whittington, Mitchell, SD, and Honor Evers, Rapid City; one son, Seth Whittington, Spearfish, SD; five grandchildren, Jordan Warfield, Shawn Warfield, Bailey Evers, Damian Rogers, Jr., and Jude Whittington; his mother, Edna Royston, Mitchell, SD; and three brothers, Dennis Whittington, Hawarden, IA, David Whittington, Boise, ID, and Drew Whittington, Minneapolis, MN.

There to greet him in heaven were his dad, William Harley Whittington; and two sisters, Lynn Whittington and Amy Whittington.

A memorial has been established.

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



*In Loving Memory Of
Dean Whittington*

1955 ~ 2013



Broken Chain

We little knew the day that
God was going to call your name.
In life we loved you dearly,
In death we do the same.

It broke our hearts to lose you
But you didn't go alone.
For part of us went with you
The day God called you home.

You left us peaceful memories.
Your love is still our guide,
And though we cannot see you
You are always at our side.

Our family chain is broken
and nothing seems the same,
but as God calls us one by one
the chain will link again.

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Born

November 17, 1955
Hawarden, Iowa

Died

May 1, 2013
Rapid City, South Dakota

Memorial Service

Saturday, May 4, 2013, at 10:30 a.m.
Black Hawk Community Church

Officiating

Pastor Ken Fairbrother

Musicians

Jamie Boje
Kristi Livermont

Musical Selections

"Go Rest High On That Mountain"
"Amazing Grace"

Honorary Pallbearers

Dennis Whittington ~ David Whittington ~ Drew Whittington
James Gibbon ~ Greg Weyer ~ Bart Schlumbohm



Tear soaked memories fill my thoughts
But I know for a fact that he really fought.
He gave us all he ever had,
To us he was the perfect granddad.
He only wanted one last summer,
It really is a bummer.
Soon he'll live far away,
Up in heaven without delays.

Written by his granddaughter, Jordan Warfield