William "Bill" Wallace Pinkerton

William "Bill" Wallace Pinkerton was born June 15, 1929, at Hill City, SD, to Ross W. and Josephine T. (Wichlacz) Pinkerton. He graduated from Custer High School in 1947.

Bill married Donna Jean King from Rochford, SD, in 1951. This union created six wonderful children, fourteen grandchildren, and three greatgrandchildren, whom were all very special to him and brought him much joy.

He entered the US Army in 1951. Following his honorable discharge, he served 6 years in the Army Reserves.

Bill worked sawmilling with his father before and after his military service, also for Homestake Mine, The US Forest Service, Job Corps, and was Co-owner of King's Grocery in Lead. He enjoyed all the friends and customers while in business and his claim to fame was being "the oldest carry out (delivery) boy in town." After 36 years in the grocery business he retired in 2000. Bill and Donna enjoyed their 10 years of retirement.

His life was changed for the better in 1967 when he received Jesus Christ as his savior. This relationship with the Lord brought him much comfort and peace after the sudden death of their son, Danny, in 1984. Bill was a member of the First Baptist Church of Lead/Deadwood and New Hope Chapel of Lead where he faithfully served the Lord. Bill sought out every opportunity to study the Bible and share God's Word.

Bill, 81, of Lead, died Sunday, May 1, 2011, at the Fort Meade VA Medical Center.

Bill is survived by his wife of almost 60 years, Donna, Lead; two sons, Wesley (Chandra) Pinkerton, Gillette, WY, and Dale (LouAnn) Pinkerton, Sturgis; three daughters, Catherine Andrews, Michigan, Deanna (Mike) Makousky, Gillette, and Fawn (Jeff) Hadlock, Gillette; fourteen grandchildren, Shannon, Jessica, Nathan, Mathew, Mindie, Keef, Keelia, Roxanne, Crystal, Jewel, Joseph, Maggie, Olivia, and Max; and three great-grandchildren, Macie, Maddie, and Colin.

He was preceded in death by his parents; one brother, John; three sisters, Josephine, Mary, and Clara; one son, Daniel Pinkerton; daughter, DeElaine Pinkerton; and son-in-law, Robert K. Andrews.

The family is grateful for the wonderful care he received while at the VA on E ward.

Memorials may be made to: Black Hills Children's Home, 24100 S Rockerville Rd., Rapid City, SD 57702.

The family invites everyone to a time of fellowship and lunch at the Sturgis Vet's Club following the interment service.

We thank you for your presence and condolences.



In Loving Memory Of

Bill Pinkerton

1929 ~ 2011



On Eagle's Wings

And He will raise you up on eagle's wings, Bear you on the breath of dawn, Make you to shine like the sun, And hold you in the palm of His hand.

--Michael Joncas



He'll Always Be Remembered

He'll always be remembered
As a man, both strong and good,
Who gave his best for others
And who did the best he could.
He'll always be remembered
For all the joy he brought,
As a man who made a difference
And a man who meant a lot.

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Born

June 15, 1929 Hill City, South Dakota

Died

May 1, 2011 Fort Meade, South Dakota

Funeral Service

Friday, May 6, 2011, at 2:00 p.m. Kinkade Funeral Chapel

Officiating

Pastor Calvin Jones

Accompanist

Carol Jones

Singers

Wayne King Lisa Schwan

Musical Selections

"This World Is Not My Home"
"What A Friend We Have In Jesus"

Pallbearers

Wesley Pinkerton ~ Dale Pinkerton Jeff Hadlock ~ Mike Makousky

Military Honors

Sturgis Veteran's Honor Guard

Interment

Black Hills National Cemetery Sturgis, South Dakota