

Delbert Dean Kolb

Delbert Dean Kolb was born December 28, 1937, the 8th of 9 children born to Rudolf and Amelia (Hintz) Kolb in Bison, SD. He grew up on the family ranch 20 miles Southwest of Bison. Delbert's father believed that if God had wanted man to fly, He would have given us wings, so he wouldn't allow the boys to learn to fly until they were 18. When Delbert was fifteen, his brother, Eldred, secretly taught him to fly. It became one of his great loves. Three years later, his brother, Raymond, who was a certified instructor, gave him "official" lessons and made it legal.

He attended high school in Mobridge, at the Northwestern Lutheran Academy. He met a young woman named Betty Ericsson who also attended school there. After much badgering by Delbert, she finally agreed to go on a date with him. She became his greatest love. They were married in 1956 and had five children together: Wendy Lee, Roland Jay, Dale Eugene, Laura Jean, and Melanie Joy Kolb.

Throughout Delbert's life, no matter what job he held, flying was always a part of it. He began crop spraying in 1961 on the family ranch with his brother, Eldred. The next year he moved his family to Spearfish to work for his brother, Arnold, in Spearfish as a charter pilot, crop sprayer, and aviation mechanic. In 1964, they moved to Sturgis and built a machine shop. He built parts for Homestake Mining Company, area ranchers and together with his brother, Arnold, he designed and built slurry tanks for Arnold's firefighting airplane tankers. But summers were reserved for crop spraying. They sold the shop in 1974, after surviving 2 floods, and moved to their current home on a hill near the Sturgis airport. He continued crop spraying and machine work, as well as rebuilding airplanes and helicopters, and Betty had her hill that she had asked him for.

Delbert and Betty loved to go camping and fishing. He also loved to play practical jokes on anyone he could. He will certainly be missed.

Delbert, 81, Sturgis, died Sunday, March 17, 2019, at his residence.

He is survived by his wife of 62 years, Betty Kolb; children, Roland (Joni) Kolb, Dale (Tina) Kolb, Laura Kolb, and Melanie (Dave Iverson) Goulet; grandchildren, Roland (Sarah) Kolb, Jr., Charley Kolb, Katie Kolb, Amelia Kolb, Kellie (Ted) Baker, Britta Kolb, Jacob Goulet, and Eric Goulet; eight great-grandchildren; sister, Deanna Kensrud; sister-in-law, Darlene Kolb; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Delbert was preceded in death by parents, Rudolf and Amelia Kolb; infant daughter, Wendy; sister and brother-in-law, Lillian (Lee) Simon; brothers and sisters-in-law, Gilbert (infant), Raymond (Betty), Ernest, Arnold (Florence), Vernon (Darlene), and Eldred (Willeyene); and brother-in-law, Rod Kensrud.

A memorial has been established.

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

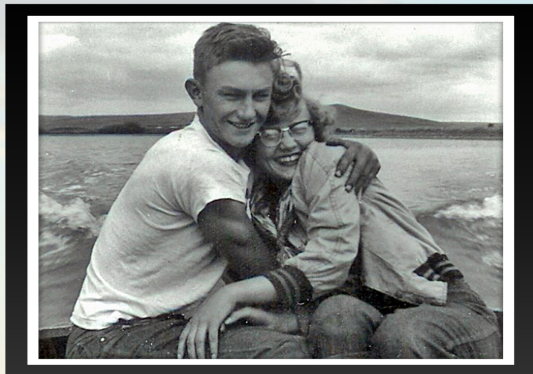
The family invites you to join them for fellowship and refreshments in the church basement following the memorial service. We thank you for your presence and condolences.



In Loving Memory

Delbert Dean Kolb

December 28, 1937 ~ March 17, 2019



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Date of Birth

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Bison, South Dakota

Date of Death

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Sturgis, South Dakota

The Final Flight

*Don't grieve for me, for now I'm free, I'm following the path God laid for me.
I took his hand when I heard Him call, I turned my back and left it all.*

*I could not stay another day, to laugh, to love, to work, to play.
Tasks left undone must stay that way, I've found that peace at the close of the day.*

*If my parting has left a void, then fill it now with remembered joy.
A friendship shared, a laugh, a kiss, ah yes, these things I too will miss.*

*Be not burdened with times of sorrow, I wish you the sunshine of tomorrow.
My life's been full, I've savored much, good friends, good times, a loved one's touch.*

*Perhaps my time seemed all too brief, don't lengthen it now with undue grief.
Lift up your heart and share with me, God wanted me now, He set me free.*



Service

Saturday, March 23, 2019 at 2:00 p.m.
Grace Lutheran Church
Sturgis, South Dakota

Clergy

Pastor Nickolas Haasch

Musician

Janeen Lemke

Songs

"Amazing Grace"
"How Great Thou Art"
"On Eagle's Wings"

Honorary Pallbearers

All His Grandchildren and Great-Grandchildren

Final Resting Place

Date Cemetery
Bison, South Dakota