Robert William "Bob" Hinker

Robert William "Bob" Hinker was born February 14, 1926, at Carson, ND, to Edward and Lena (Watznauer) Hinker. He grew up on the family ranch south of Watauga where he attended country school. He worked on the family ranch until he joined the United States Navy. He served on the USS Alaska and was honorably discharged before returning to the family ranch.

Bob married Cecilia Waldecker on February 5, 1947, in Lemmon, SD. They moved to Highwood, MT, where Bob worked as a track layer for the Chicago Northwestern Railroad. They moved to Spearfish and Bob worked in the timber for Homestake. Following a layoff, he joined a general contractor and built homes in the Spearfish area. He went to work for Lampert Lumber Spearfish in the early 50's. Bob transferred to Newell and worked there for about a year. In 1955, he transferred to Deadwood as manager of the local Lampert store. They lived in Deadwood for 20 years then built a house near Deer Mountain and lived there for about 5 years. They built a house near Bear Butte and lived there for over 20 years.

Bob built homes for Lampert Lumber Company until the mid 1970's when he went to work as a plumber. He worked for Ellsworth Air Force Base in Civil Service as a plumber until his retirement in the mid 1990's.

Bob loved to grow things. He enjoyed his trees and gardens. He also liked to build things including furniture. He was very active in his church.

Bob, 86, Whitewood, died Sunday, March 11, 2012, at his residence.

Survivors include his wife, Cecilia Hinker, Sturgis; sons, Tim (Sue) Hinker, Rapid City, and Jerry (Theresa) Hinker, Sturgis; daughter, Jeanette Kuntz, Nevada; sisters, Leonora Murray, Fargo, ND, Betty Soebing, Watauga, SD, Sister Margaret Hinker OSB, and Sister Teresa Hinker OSB, both of Rapid City; six grandchildren; and six greatgrandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents; three brothers, John, Joe, and Herb; and two sisters, Marie and Evelyn.

A memorial has been established.

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



In Loving Memory Of





I'm Free

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

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

If my parting has left a void
Then fill it with remembered joys - A friendship shared, a laugh, a kiss
Oh 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 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 hearts, and peace to thee - God wanted me now: He set me free.

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Born

February 14, 1926 Carson, North Dakota

Died

March 11, 2012 Whitewood, South Dakota

Vigil

Thursday, March 15, 2012, at 7:00 p.m. Kinkade Funeral Chapel

Mass of Christian Burial

Friday, March 16, 2012, at 10:30 a.m. St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Church

Celebrant

Father Arnold Kari

Organist

Dr. Barry Furze

Soloist

Mary Ann Rasmussen

Musical Selections

"The Old Rugged Cross" "Ave Maria"
"Holy God, We Praise Thy Name"
"Anchors Away"

Pallbearers

John Raforth ~ Gary Lippold ~ Donny Larsen Jared Hinker ~ Paul Kuntz ~ Tom Casteel

Military Honors

Sturgis Veteran's Honor Guard

Interment

Black Hills National Cemetery