



Kenneth Lee Anderson, 78, Piedmont, SD, passed away Wednesday January 11, 2024 at Fort Meade VA Medical Center, Ft. Meade, SD.

Kenny was born to Jim and Esther Anderson on January 30, 1945. He grew up around Eagle Butte, SD farming with his family. He attended Cheyenne-Eagle Butte High School and joined the Army in February of 1965. He was stationed at Ft. Gordon, GA, where Kenny was trained as a radio operator. After completing his telecommunications training, Kenny was stationed in Germany. Upon returning from the service in 1968, Kenny would find his calling traveling the country driving a semi. While working in Memphis, TN, Kenny would meet the love of his life, and lifelong partner Geneann, and they were married in 1972. Kenny and Geneann would start a family back in Eagle Butte, with son Andy, and daughter Jennifer being born. While in Eagle Butte, Kenny would spend his summers working the land around Parade, and Dupree, as well as helping his brother-in-law and nephews farming. When winter arrived and harvest was done Kenny would hit the road, as an owner operator. Kenny would drive millions of miles, for companies such as Dakota Express, East/West Motor Express, and finally finishing his career hauling cement from Rapid City to North Dakota. Kenny took great pride in his trucks and always drove the finest semis from International, Peterbilt, and Kenworth. Upon "retirement" Kenny chose to relax, by working. Whether it was going back to Eagle Butte and Ridgeview to farm with Vernie, Grant, and VL or working on his lawnmower. He tried to stay busy all the time. The only real retirement that Kenny enjoyed was sitting in the garage listening to the radio.

Kenny also took great pride in being a father, a husband, and a grandfather. He would always take Andy with him trucking whenever he could, and he would always try to make Jennifer's rodeos. He was adamant on giving his kids the world, and everything that he did not have growing up. Christmas was always a special time, as Kenny and Geneann would stay up for hours at night to make sure the kids and grandkids had the best Christmas'. Kenny relished his role of "Papa" to his granddaughter Kennedy, and his two grandsons Wyatt, and Payton. Any chance he got he would spend time with his grandkids. The most important thing to Kenny was his family. He loved his wife, kids and grandkids like nothing else. His sisters and brother, and all his nieces and nephews were priorities for him as well, Kenny loved spending time with each and every one. His family will miss him greatly and are happy that he can rest. Wherever he was he would put a smile on everyone's face and always made sure that everyone was taken care of.

Kenny is survived by his wife of 51 years Geneann, Son, Andy (Melody) Casa Grande, AZ, daughter Jennifer Gaskins (Bill) Miles City, MT, Sisters Joanne (Avin) Martin, Joyce Peterson, Grandchildren Kennedy (Jace) Tanner, Chandler, AZ, Wyatt Gaskins, Stephenville, TX, Payton Gaskins Clarendon, TX. Numerous nieces and nephews who will greatly miss Uncle Kenny.

Kenny was preceded in death by his parents Jim and Esther, In-Laws Henry and Gene Reynolds, Brother Leonard and Muriel Anderson, Sisters, Maxine and Kelly Bongard, Norma and Lester Hertel, and Beverly and Wes Steele, and Brother-in-Law Buddy Reynolds.

The family would also like to thank Dr. Paoli, Dr. Fisher, and the Nurses and staff that took such great care of Kenny at Community Living E at Ft. Meade.

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

*The family invites you to join them at the Sturgis Vets Club,
following the inurnment, for fellowship and a meal.
Thank you for your presence and condolences.*

In Loving Memory Of **Kenneth Lee Anderson**

Born

**January 30, 1945
Dupree, South Dakota**

Died

**January 11, 2024
Fort Meade, South Dakota**

Memorial Service

**Thursday, January 18, 2024, 11:00 a.m.
Kinkade Funeral Chapel
Sturgis, South Dakota**

Officiant

Pastor Harold Delbridge

Eulogy

Leon Martin

Honorary Pallbearers

**Leonard D. Anderson Butch Anderson
Grant Martin Ransom Martin V.L. Martin
Garet Hunt Wade Stebbins
John Klaudt Rollie Griffith**

Musical Selections

"How Great Thou Art" "Always On My Mind"

Military Honors

**SD Army National Guard
Sturgis Volunteer Honor Guard**

Final Resting Place

**Black Hills National Cemetery
Sturgis, South Dakota**