James Ray Brackett

James R. Brackett, 78, of Deadwood, South Dakota, passed away on September 29, 2021, after a short illness and battle with COVID pneumonia. He was born June 2, 1943, in Denver, Colorado, where he resided until his move to Deadwood after his marriage to Jo Etta Heltibridle-Dickert. Jim was the oldest of three children born to Berton and Margaretta Brackett.

Jim started his own business just after graduating from high school. He went on to engage in several ventures including car racing on the national scene in the Baja circuit, and other venues, and working the pit crew. He ultimately opened his own very successful Investment Casting business, building engine parts, brass castings for the doors into the senate and representative chambers at the Capitol building in Pierre and putters for the then president Gerald Ford, among many other things.

Jim loved taking high risks. He is most proud of his thirdplace finish on the Pikes Peak run, done before guard rails and pavement. He was also an avid skier. His passion in later years was fine gold discovery and refining.

Jim is survived by his wife, Jo Brackett; his sister, Gerri Brackett. His bigger than life personality will be greatly missed.

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

The family thanks you for your presence and condolences.





In Loving Memory Of

James Ray Brackett

June 2, 1943 ~ September 29, 2021



"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

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Born

June 2, 1943 Denver, Colorado

Died

September 29, 2021 Rapid City, South Dakota

Funeral Service

Saturday, October 9, 2021, at 3:00 p.m. Lead Assembly of God Lead, South Dakota

Officiating

Pastor Paul Thompson

Musical Selections

"On Eagle's Wings"
"Jealous of the Angels"
"You Are Mine