



## Ronald Lee Heil

Known by his best friends as "Homer", Ron was born July 17, 1965 at Sturgis, SD, to Donald J and Hazel A. (Kinney) Heil. He graduated from Newell High School in 1983. After that he went to Mitchell Vo-Tech for auto-mechanics. Ron then came back to Newell where he did various jobs that included ditch-work and mechanic work. Ron would drop everything to lend a hand to those who needed help, but his passion was working with his best friends Al and Les Page at 212-79 Service Center, which

he did for 35 years. He could fix anything, especially when it came to mechanics, and would resurrect the oldest cars for Sonja to drive, just to save on the newer cars.

In July 11, 1998, Ron married the love of his life, Sonja L. Roe and on September 20, 2001 they had a daughter, Jessica. She was his pride and joy and he rarely went anywhere without her. He taught Jessica everything she knows (whether or not her mother approved)! Ron, Sonja and Jessica shared a love of horses and enjoyed trail rides and taking Jess to Rodeos. He was especially talented at giving Jessica's horse "Nick" special pep talks before entering the arena.

Ron had many hidden talents. He and his sidekick, Jessica, sang many songs and he taught her several of his favorites like "Come Sail Away", "The Beverly Hillbillies", and the "Rodeo" song. He was quite the cook and unbeknown to many, he wrote poetry. He loved to hunt, fish, tell jokes and to make everything "FUN", especially for those folks that might be having a bad day.

Ronald L. Heil, 49, Newell, died Wednesday, December 24, 2014 at the Rapid City Regional Hospital.

Survivors include his wife, Sonja Heil, Newell; daughter, Jessica Heil, Newell; mother, Hazel Heil, Newell; sister, Dawn (Henry) Erk, Rapid City; numerous aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews and cousins.

A memorial has been established.

Condolences may be sent to the family at [www.kinkadefunerals.com](http://www.kinkadefunerals.com).



*The family invites you to join them for fellowship and lunch at the NVN Senior Center following the committal service. We thank you for your presence and condolences.*

## In Loving Memory Of



**Ronald Lee Heil**

**1965 ~ 2014**



Blowing like the wind,  
On a crisp winter day.  
Make's me hope and pray,  
You will always stay.

Not like the snow,  
That will soon be gone,  
Just like the snowman,  
Who's out on the lawn.

You're like the sun,  
If only to me,  
That shines all the time,  
For everyone to see.

You mean so very much to me,  
That words just cannot say.  
All the joy you bring to me,  
Each and every day.



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## **Ronald Lee Heil**

***Born***

July 17, 1965  
Sturgis, South Dakota

***Died***

December 24, 2014  
Rapid City, South Dakota

***Memorial Service***

Monday, December 29, 2014 at 10:00 a.m.  
Kinkade Funeral Chapel  
Sturgis, South Dakota

***Clergy***

Pastor Marcia Brennan

***Soloist***

Vonda Mahaffy

***Special Musical Selections***

"The Dance"  
"One Friend"  
"In The Garden"  
"Come Sail Away"

***Honorary Pallbearers***

Al Page ~ Les Page ~ George Harr ~ Kenny Carlsen  
JD Mutchler ~ Jim Smeenck ~ Keith Baker

***Inurnment***

At A Later Date