

Paul Leslie Speed was born on February 19, 1946, in Sturgis, SD, to Russell and Violet (Young) Speed. He attended 1st through 8th grade at Stoneville School, and then 9th through 12th at Sturgis Brown High, graduating in 1964. Paul went into the Army and served in Vietnam from 1966 to 1968. He was very proud to serve his country and was a very humble man. He sheared sheep in high school and throughout his college time. Paul attended Black Hills State until 1972.

In 1969, he met Karen Steffes and they were married on July 10, 1970. They had just celebrated their 50th anniversary. They moved to the Chaffee Ranch in 1972 and lived there until 1981, when they moved north of Union Center, where they have lived since. Paul received his Mason City College of Auctioneering diploma in February of 1980. He worked at Sturgis Livestock since he was in high school, starting from night man, sorting alley, yard back, and then his life dream of Auctioneer. He worked for several owners of Sturgis Livestock for over 30 years. He also worked at Cammack Ranch Supply for 24 years and delivered feed for a short time for ML Feeds. Paul auctioned for Casteel Auction Service since 1981. In fact, the last auction he did was for Casteel Auction service in May of 2020. He auctioned the 4-H Livestock Sale for 35-plus years, and was honored at the Meade County Fair for his years of dedication. He also auctioned a lot of benefits and fundraisers. Paul worked at the Black Hills National Cemetery from 2005 to 2009, and took much pride in working there. Paul was honored also by being Meade County Veteran of the Month in February of 2016. Paul served for 9 years, from 1986 to 1995, as a school board member for the Meade School District 46-1.

Paul loved watching and helping his kids in their sports and activities. He found so much enjoyment in watching his grandkids in their activities and was very involved in their lives. In his younger years, he loved to team rope, follow his kids, and cheer on his wife in softball games. He was very content with being home, having his family around, along with his dog, Willie.

"I drank my tanker full in my life" was a quote from Paul who was sober for 15 years. We all are so proud of him for this accomplishment, and he was proud, too.

Paul Speed, 74, of Union Center, passed away Thursday, July 30, 2020, at the Department of Veterans Affairs, Fort Meade.

Paul is survived by his wife, Karen Speed; his daughter, Lana (Rick) Anderson; granddaughter, Tara Reinert, and her father and stepmother, Pete and Shannon Reinert; son, Ryan (Samantha) Speed; grandson, Maxon Speed; step-grandchildren, Chad (Jami) Anderson and Jason (Valerie) Anderson; step-great-grandchildren, Carsyn, Avery, Lola, and Christopher Anderson; siblings, Jo (Pete) Bauer of Newcastle, WY, and Rosie (Norm) Graves of Americus, GA; brothers-in-law, Duane Steffes of Kent, WA, and Darrell (Jan) Steffes of Vale, SD; sister-in-law, Donna (Jerry) Duprel of Vale SD; and numerous nieces, nephews, and cousins.

He was preceded in death by his mother, Violet Speed; his dad, Russell Speed; his brother, John Speed; and his Goddaughter, Heidi Graves.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made in memory of Paul to the Union Center Central Meade County Community Center for the care of the Veterans Park, and to the Paul Speed 4-H Memorial Scholarship Fund.

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

The family invites you to join them for fellowship and lunch at the Community Center following the funeral service, prior to the committal. We thank you for your presence and condolences.



IN LOVING MEMORY

Paul Leslie Speed

February 19, 1946 ~ July 30, 2020



In Memory Of **Paul Leslie Speed**

Date of Birth

February 19, 1946
Sturgis, South Dakota

Date of Death

July 30, 2020
Fort Meade, South Dakota

Funeral Service

Wednesday, August 5, 2020, at 10:00 a.m.
Central Meade County Community Center
Union Center, South Dakota

Officiating

Pastor Harold Delbridge

Musician

Danny Chapman

Songs

"The Dance" "Grandpa"
"On Eagle's Wings"

Pallbearers - Community Center

Lynn Weishaar Jerry Casteel Marlin Brink
Cliff Matt Earl Smith John Rhoden

Pallbearers - Committal Service

Duane Steffes Darrell Steffes Jerry Duprel
Pete Bauer Norman Graves Harley Speed

Honorary Pallbearers

All Paul's Friends

Military Honors

VFW Post 1273

Final Resting Place

Black Hills National Cemetery
Sturgis, South Dakota

He'll Always Be Remembered

*He'll always be remembered
As a man, both strong and good,
Who gave his best for others
And who did the best he could.
He'll always be remembered
For all the joy he brought,
As a man who made a difference
And a man who meant a lot.*

