



Jacob "Jake" Steely, Jr. was born September 10, 1936 in Fort Collins, CO to Jacob and Lydia (Fisher) Steely, Sr. He lived there until he was in 1st grade and he was baptized Presbyterian. As a young man he was contracted to pick sugar beets until he moved to North Dakota in 1948. He went back to school and finished through the 8th grade.

Eventually Jake moved to South Dakota. He lived in New Underwood for 5 years, then left and went to work for the Oahe Dam Project, starting as a laborer and working his way up to an iron worker, which he did for 7 years. He worked the emergency and power tunnels of the Dam as well. In 1970, he came to Sturgis and started work for the Homestake Mining Company and was the contractor there for 12 years. When the diesel loaders came, he hauled rocks with them and finished out his career there, which ended after 23 years with the company.

Jake loved working with his hands, and he especially enjoyed cutting wood. On the rare occasion that he wasn't working, he liked to go roller skating with his brother, Willie. Jake loved his family very much and treasured the time he spent taking care of his grandchildren.

Jake Steely, 84, died Tuesday, January 5, 2021 at his home in Sturgis.

Survivors include his daughters, Sonia and Myra; sons, Quentin, Rufus, David, and Joey; brother, Willie; sister, Rosella; and numerous grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Jacob and Lydia Steely, Sr.; and his wife, Becky Sue (Wood) Steely.

The family would like to give a special thank you to Paul and Ronda Neiser, Kameron Fleming, and Christina Culverhouse for their kindness and assistance during this difficult time.

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

The family invites you to join them for fellowship and refreshments in the church hall following the memorial service. We thank you for your presence and condolences.



IN LOVING MEMORY

Jacob "Jake" Steely, Jr.

September 10, 1936 ~ January 5, 2021



WHEN MY DAD DIED

by Rufus Steely

*I could see it in his eyes every
time he tried and was never enough.
He'd laugh, but with us kids it was
different, more a longing in his voice
than cheer. His friends got his real
joy, his co-workers, his real feelings.*

*I wish I could meet all the people
who knew my dad, who he gave himself
to . . . who I never knew. He'd smile
when he talked about his friends
and his jobs, it always seemed they meant
more to him than me, a child, a burden,
another thing of his time to rob.*

*These days I see more of him in
me and wonder if . . . if there were
enough time in this world to ever get
to know our dad, would it be enough,
to know the choices he had to make?*

In Memory Of **Jake Steely**

Date of Birth

September 10, 1936
Fort Collins, Colorado

Date of Death

January 5, 2021
Sturgis, South Dakota

Celebration of Life

Sunday, January 10, 2021, at 2:00 p.m.
St. Thomas Episcopal Church
Sturgis, South Dakota

Officiating

Fr. Bunker Hill

Songs

"Go Rest High On That Mountain"
"When I Get Where I'm Going"
"You Raise Me Up"

Honorary Pallbearers

William Steely Fred Steely Al King Al Romero
Lloyd Kessler Randy Brennick JC Huckins Dan Boyd

Final Resting Place

Bear Butte Cemetery
Sturgis, South Dakota