

Harry Edwin Strong, 69, Sturgis, SD, died Friday, May 26, 2023, at Monument Health Hospice House, Rapid City, SD.

Harry Edwin Strong was born on January 24, 1954, to Everett and Joyce (Deering) Strong in Union Center, SD. He spent his childhood growing up on the very ranch in Union Center homesteaded by his grandmother, Anna Strong, in the early 1900's.

Harry spent his childhood in and around ranch life, among his several brothers and sisters that spent their summers doing chores on the ranch, fishing the stock ponds, and corralling chickens or horses. It was during his childhood Harry developed a love of horses, culminating in owning his Spanish Mustang *Cloud* and spending fond years in a saddle.

Harry graduated from Sturgis High School in 1972, later receiving an Electrical Trade degree from Western Dakota Tech in Rapid City. He'd put that degree to great use over many years and several states. He made stops in Wisconsin to work and ride horse on a dairy farm, construction work across the State of South Dakota, and finally retired from the hotel maintenance industry after more than a decade working in the City of Deadwood for several hotels and properties.

Harry was quite fond of his hobbies too. Other than his work with horses, he also spent a great deal of time with his best friend, fishing every stock pond and small lake the Black Hills had to offer. He was an exceptional Cribbage player and took great pride in having taught a few of his nieces and nephews the ins and outs of 'Double Runs' and 'Nobs'. In April of 2008, he became a proud member of the Scottish Rite of Masonry, where he sought to spread wisdom and care to the community around him.

He was proceeded in death by his mother, Joyce (Deering) Strong and his father, Everett Strong, and three siblings; Sharon Lavonne, Mary Eileen Strong, and Donald Mark Strong.

He is survived by his brothers, Jim (Barbie) Strong of San Diego, CA, Mike (Lori) Strong of Rapid City, SD, Dennis (Tracey) Strong of Cheyenne, WY; his sisters, Susan (Richard) Braun of Granton, WI, and Kathryn (Jim) Waggoner of Rapid City, SD. He is also survived by numerous nieces and nephews, who cherished their visits to his little house in Sturgis.

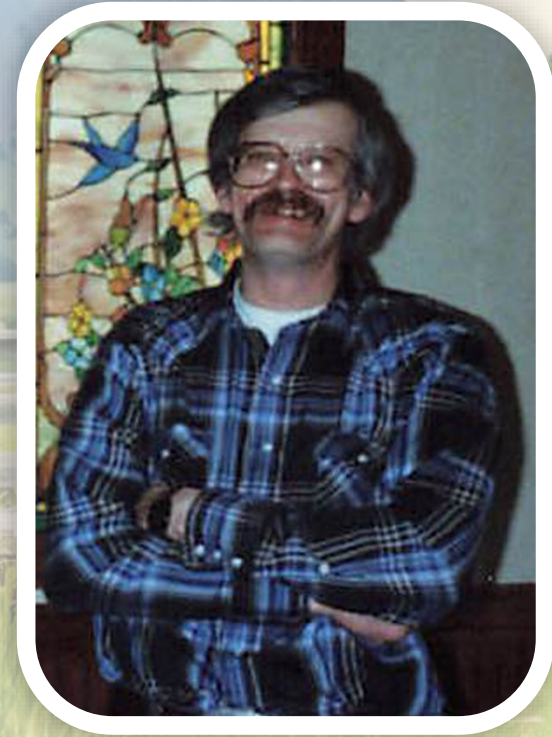
In lieu of flowers, a memorial has been established for the Monument Health Hospice House.

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

*The family invites you to join them for refreshments and fellowship at the Sturgis VFW, following the burial.*

*Thank you for your presence and condolences.*

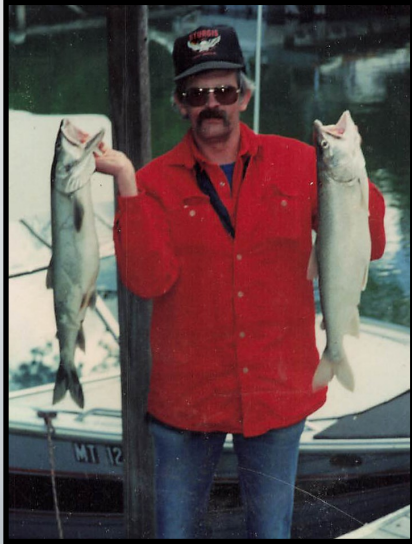
# *In Loving Memory Of*



## *Harry Edwin Strong*

*January 24, 1954 ~ May 26, 2023*





### **My Family and Friends**

I have you in my heart  
And there you'll always be  
As I dwell among the angels  
In peace and harmony

Pray for strength and courage  
Please do not feel dismay  
Know that love surrounds me  
In His perfect presence today

Life is forever changed  
Because for now we are apart  
So until our heavenly reunion  
I have you in my heart

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### *Born*

January 24, 1954  
Rapid City, South Dakota

### *Died*

May 26, 2023  
Rapid City, South Dakota

### *Graveside Service*

Thursday, June 1, 2023, 10:30 a.m.  
Bear Butte Cemetery  
Sturgis, South Dakota

### *Officiant*

Pastor Erin Erickson

### *Pallbearers*

Richard Bravener	Everett Strong
Benjamin Strong	Jacob Strong
Zachary Strong	Dion Brown

### *Final Resting Place*

Bear Butte Cemetery  
Sturgis, South Dakota