

*In Loving Memory Of*  
***Rev. Lyle Fay Martin***

***Born***

March 26, 1926  
Erwin, South Dakota

***Died***

June 16, 2017  
Fort Meade, South Dakota

***Funeral Service***

Wednesday, June 21, 2017, at 10:00 a.m.  
St. Thomas Episcopal Church  
Sturgis, South Dakota

***Officiant***

Rt. Rev. John Tarrant  
Rev. Claude E. Vershure ~ Assisting

***Accompanist***

Judy Hughes

***Singers***

Chris Kaitfors ~ Kelsey Kaitfors ~ Hillary Hill

***Musical Selections***

"In The Garden"  
"Wild Irish Rose"  
"The Old Rugged Cross"

***Pallbearers***

Nate Oviatt ~ Cameron Price ~ Cody Greenwaladt  
Curtis Jones ~ Brad Short ~ Jason Phillips ~ John Lushbough

***Honorary Pallbearers***

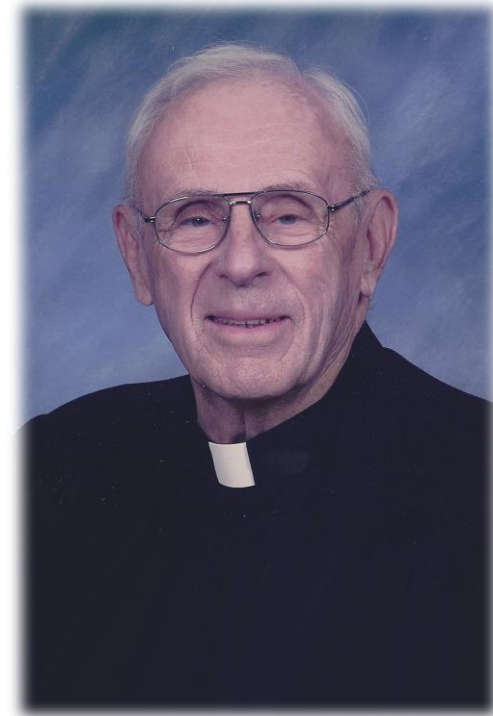
John Hughes ~ Eldon Whitepipe  
Father Pete Clapp ~ Lloyd Keszler  
And All Other Clergy Friends and Family

***Inurnment***

Black Hills National Cemetery  
Sturgis, South Dakota

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***1926 ~ 2017***



*I would rather be ASHES than dust.  
I would rather my SPARK should burn out in a brilliant blaze  
than it should be stifled in dry-rot.  
I would rather be a superb METEOR,  
every atom of me in magnificent glow,  
than a sleepy & permanent planet.*

*Man's chief purpose is to LIVE,  
not to exist.  
I shall not waste my days trying to prolong them.  
I shall use my time.*

*Jack London*



**Lyle Fay Martin** was born March 26, 1926, in Erwin, SD, to Joseph and Hannah (Munger) Martin. His father was an Irish orphan who came out west on an orphan train, and Fr. Lyle spent many years searching for his ancestors. After graduation in 1944, he enlisted in the US Army, and his very first combat experience was in the Battle of the Bulge. He received the Bronze Star and many other awards for his bravery there. He never forgot General Patton's command to be the best soldier and

return home to be the best citizen he could be. Fr. Lyle was a proud American and a true patriot.

After his honorable discharge, he returned home and married Jean Larson. They had four children, and he worked for Northwestern Bell Telephone Company as a lineman, salesman, and manager for 18 years. In 1964, he became a salesman for Equitable Life in Gregory, achieving million-dollar roundtable his first year. Later he became broker/owner of Martin Real Estate in Sturgis and Belle Fourche.

Lyle's faith was always strong, and after the death of his son, Bob, in 1983, Lyle made the choice to become a deacon in the Episcopal Church, and from there he began his ascent towards priesthood. At age 63, he entered the seminary, and upon his ordainment, he served the parishes of Mobridge and Gettysburg. Later, he served in Winner, Watertown, Sidney and Blair, NE, and ended his career in Gregory, at the age of 85.

As a priest, Lyle did many great works. He strongly believed that his mission was to serve his fellow man. In many of the towns where he served, he started thrift stores and food banks to assist the less fortunate in his community. For this work, he was recognized as Citizen of the Year in Sidney, Blair, and Winner, and in 2016, Governor Dugaard proclaimed March 26 Father Lyle Martin Day. Lyle was the "idea" man. Like many people, he had great ideas, but the difference is, he always followed through, never



stopping until he accomplished what he had set out to do. Lyle will be most remembered for his charismatic sense of humor. He was a proud Irishman and a great story teller; one could never predict what he would say next, but he always got the punch line right.

In 2006, Lyle married Moyra Pospisil of Winner, and they moved to Gregory. They had ten happy years together until her passing in 2016. As a priest, Lyle officiated the weddings, baptisms, and funerals of many people throughout South Dakota, but he was especially proud to officiate the weddings of his grandchildren and baptisms of his great-grandchildren.

Lyle, 91, died Friday, June 16, 2017, at Ft. Meade VA Hospital.

He is survived by his daughters, Lynne (Pete) Greenwaldt, Rapid City, and Randi (Rob) Oviatt, Whitewood; his son, Dan (Julie) Martin, Rapid City; stepdaughters, Liane (Doug) Christensen, Ideal, Laurie Pospisil, Sioux Falls, and Beth (Geoff) Simon, Bismarck; stepsons, Terry (Peggy) Pospisil, New Orleans, and Lance Pospisil, Sioux Falls; grandchildren and great-grandchildren, Cody, Darla, Ashlyn, and Rhys Greenwaldt, Castle Rock, CO, Liza, John, Kali, Damon and Aspen Lushbough, Rapid City, Megan, Curtis, Waylon, and Martin Jones, Sturgis, Cara Oviatt, Sturgis, Nate, Sammie, Max, and Will Oviatt, Rapid City, Anne, Jason, Seth, Cash, and McKenna Phillips, Rapid City, Alison, Brad, and Langston Short, Rapid City, and Molly Martin (Cameron Price), Rapid City.

He was preceded in death by his parents; his son Bob; his sister, Lila; his brother, Donald; and his wife, Moyra.

Memorials will be directed to Lyle's legacy of thrift stores and food pantries. The family would like to thank the State Veterans Home in Hot Springs and the Ft. Meade VA Hospital in Sturgis for their kind, compassionate care.

"The peace of the Lord be always with you."

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 Knuckle Brewery following the funeral service. We thank you for your presence and condolences.*