



## George Edward Sandy

George E. Sandy was born June 1, 1924, near Long Pine, NE, in a sod house. He moved to Buffalo Gap, SD, in the spring of 1925. It took 30 days in two covered wagons. His mom and dad traveled with four children under the age of three. He traveled with his mom and dad, siblings, grandma and grandpa, his grandma's cousin named Marie, and his dad's sister who was 16 or 18 at the time. George attended the third grade in Buffalo Gap with his brothers and sister.

In 1933, George's family homesteaded about 18 miles northeast of Buffalo Gap, two miles east of Wind Cave. George then attended Bakerville School for four years. At that time, the ranchers in the area were bought out and it became another park. It was some of the best cattle country in South Dakota at that time.

In 1937, George moved back to Buffalo Gap where the children finished eighth grade. George graduated from high school in 1942 and after high school George joined the Navy for three years. On September 6, 1946, George married Mary Helen Winkelman from Minneapolis, MN. Six children were born from this union: Edward Lee Sandy, Dicky Fay Sandy, Larry Dean Sandy, Sandra "Sandi" Kay (Sandy) Rowan, Terry Gene Sandy, and Rusty Roy Sandy. George also had two stepsons, Thomas O'Dell and Gary O'Dell, and one stepdaughter, Dorothy "Dolly" (O'Dell) Emery.

George was a hard-working man and spent time working construction, oil rigs, and working for the electric company climbing poles and steel towers. George enjoyed staying active with hunting, fishing, and watching sports on TV.

George peacefully left this world on Sunday, July 6, 2014, and is preceded in death by his wife, Mary; sons, Edward and Larry; brothers, Roy and Clyde; sister, Alice; three grandchildren; and his dog, Susie.

George is survived by his children, Dick, Sandi, Terry, Rusty, Tommy, Dolly, and Gary; 17 grandchildren; 21 great-grandchildren; and 8 great-great-grandchildren.

A memorial has been established to the Meade County Senior Center.

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



## In Loving Memory Of George Edward Sandy

1924 ~ 2014



### **The Lineman's Prayer**

*Almighty God, creator of the earth, wind, and rain,  
protect us as we journey through the morning mist, the noontime sun,  
and the evening shadows.*

*Help us to always remember  
that the most powerful energy can light the sky  
and run across wires that only time and experience can guide us to touch.*

*Teach us to trust in Your divine intervention  
but prepare us for unnatural clashes  
that neither God nor man can control.*

*Lead us into the darkest storm  
and deliver us to serve those who depend on our skills.*

*Thank you, O God, for every blessing  
and may You give us strength to reach for the stars.*

**Amen**



***Fisherman's Prayer***  
*Unknown*

***I pray that I may live to fish  
Until my dying day.  
And when it comes to my last cast,  
I then most humbly pray:  
When in the Lord's great landing net  
And peacefully asleep  
That in His mercy I be judged  
Big enough to keep.***

***In Loving Memory Of***

***George Edward Sandy***

***Born***

June 1, 1924  
Long Pine, Nebraska

***Died***

July 6, 2014  
Rapid City, South Dakota

***Funeral Service***

Saturday, July 12, 2014, at 10:00 a.m.  
Kinkade Funeral Chapel  
Sturgis, South Dakota

***Officiating***

Pastor Skip Smith

***Musical Selections***

"Wind Beneath My Wings"  
"He Stopped Loving Her Today"  
"Daddy's Hands"      "Wings Of A Dove"  
"Wichita Lineman"  
"A Picture Of Me 'Without You'"  
"Rose Colored Glasses"

***Pallbearers***

Jason Sandy ~ Scott Sandy ~ John Schave  
Brock O'Dell ~ T.J. O'Dell ~ Rich Larner

***Interment***

Buffalo Gap Cemetery  
Buffalo Gap, South Dakota