

LeRoy Edward Hardy

LeRoy Edward Hardy was born March 5, 1921, at Sturgis to Roy Ellsworth and Ruth Elaine (Casteel) Hardy. He grew up on the family farm and attended North Middle Alkali School. After graduating from Sturgis High School he returned to the family farm to help his father.

LeRoy married Virginia Wilkinson at Sturgis on December 18, 1945.

LeRoy worked for the John Deere Implement where he assembled farm equipment. During the spring and summer, he worked for the Agriculture Stabilization Conservation Service. He also worked for Farmers Union Insurance as an agent from 1955 until 1967. He also worked as a fieldman and lobbyist for Farmers Union. He managed the State Fair booth for 18 years.

After retiring from Farmers Union in 1984, he enjoyed photography, growing roses, gardening, hunting deer for 60 years, fishing, and was often seen walking around town.

LeRoy was a member of the First Presbyterian Church where he served as a deacon and on the board of elders.

LeRoy, 91, Sturgis, died Saturday, February 2, 2013, at the Sturgis Regional Health Care Center.

Survivors include his daughters, Cheryl (Rod) Renner, Wall, Phyllis (Fred) Venners, Plano, TX, Marcia Hardy and her partner, Roy Mogharabi, Beaumont, CA, and Linda Paulson, Buffalo, SD; step-brother, Richard Todd; step-sister, Coral Etta Todd Stevens; special friend, Freda Wilson; 7 grandchildren; and 12 great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his wife of 60 years, Virginia; sisters, Edna Kettelson and Delores Beehler; one brother, Glen Hardy; step-mother, Vivian Hardy; one step-brother, Robert Todd; and one grandson, Forrest Paulson.

Memorials have been established to the First Presbyterian Church and the Western Dakota Antique Club.

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



In Loving Memory Of



LeRoy Edward Hardy

1921 ~ 2013

*The family invites you to join them for fellowship and lunch in the Erskine Room in the church basement following the committal service.
We thank you for your presence and condolences.*



A Million Times

*A million times we've needed you,
A million times we've cried,
If our love could have saved you,
You never would have died.
It broke our hearts to lose you,
But you did not go alone,
For part of us went with you,
The day God called you home.
He saw you were getting tired,
When a recovery was not to be,
He closed His arms around you,
And whispered "Come to Me."
For all the pain you went through,
He saw you needed rest,
God's garden must be beautiful,
For he only picks the best.*

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Born

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Sturgis, South Dakota

Died

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Funeral Service

Wednesday, February 6, 2013, at 10:00 a.m.
First Presbyterian Church

Officiating

Rev. Denzel Nonhof

Accompanist

Marian Eatherton

Soloist

Gary Johnson

Musical Selections

"Amazing Grace"
"The Old Rugged Cross"
"The Lord's Prayer"
"The Rose"

Pallbearers

Jammie Kokesh ~ Shaun Johnson ~ Darren Johnson ~ Neil Renner
Lindsey Hildebrand ~ Gail Bernard ~ Gretchen Renner

Honorary Pallbearers

Dan Kokesh ~ Haven Hildebrand ~ Heather Johnson
Fred Venners ~ Roy Mogharabi ~ Steven Bernard ~ Amy Renner

Interment

Bear Butte Cemetery