

Melvin Dean "Mike" Brandt

Melvin "Mike" Dean Brandt was born January 7, 1935, to Earl and Lily Brandt in Sturgis, SD. He graduated from Sturgis High School in 1953, attended the School of Mines for one year, and graduated from Rocky Mountain Technical School in Denver in 1956, returning to Sturgis and opening a TV sales and repair shop.

On July 2, 1955, Mike married his high school sweetheart "country girl" Virginia "Ginni" Ingalls. To this union were born one daughter, Dawn, and two sons, Paul and Greg.

After a couple business trips to Australia in the 60's, he and his family moved to Sydney, Australia, in 1970 where he was involved in developing TV systems in hi-rise hotels, hospitals, and even the Sydney Opera House. Upon returning to Sturgis in 1972, he began teaching electronics at Sturgis High School. Mike completed his education at USD Springfield earning a BS degree in education. He went on to teach electronics at Western Dakota Technical Institute for the next 25 years, retiring in 1997.

Mike served on the Sturgis city council from 1977 to 1979 and as Mayor from 1979 to 1981. He was a faithful member of First Presbyterian Church in Sturgis where he was also an Elder. He also belonged to the Meade County Senior Citizen Association.

Mike, 84, Sturgis, died Monday, March 18, 2019, in the Lippold Hospice Suite at Sturgis Regional Hospital.

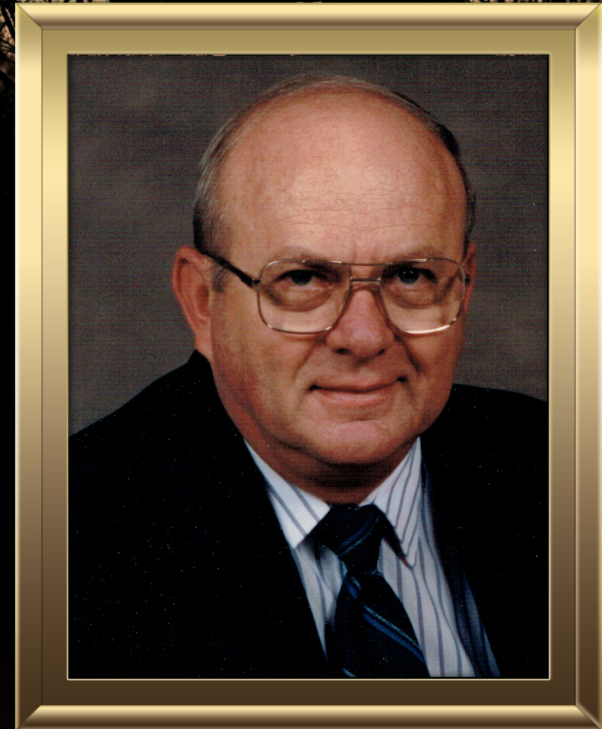
He is survived by his wife, Ginni; daughter, Dawn (Kim) Pfeifle, Pine Haven, WY; two sons, Paul (Amelia) Brandt, Lakeville, MN, and Greg (Denise) Brandt, Sturgis; nine grandchildren; eleven and ½ great-grandchildren; brother-in-law, Ron Rehwald, Roseville, CA; nephew, Roger Rehwald and his family, Granite Harbor, CA; and niece, Rachel Rehwald-Merriam and her family, Alta Dena, CA. Mike will be missed by his many friends, Ingalls' in-laws, and cousins.

He was preceded in death by his parents; sister, Jean Rehwald; several aunts and uncles; and brother-in-law, Calvin Stomprud.

Memorials have been established to the Lippold Hospice Suite at Sturgis Regional Hospital and to the First Presbyterian Church in Sturgis.



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



In Loving Memory

Melvin Dean "Mike" Brandt

January 7, 1935 ~ March 18, 2019



TO THOSE I LOVE

*If I should ever leave you, whom I love,
 To go the Silent Way, grieve not,
 Nor speak of me with tears, but laugh and talk
 Of me as if I were beside you there.
 (I'd come - I'd come could I but find a way!
 But would not tears and grief be barriers?)
 And when you hear a song or see a bird I loved,
 Please do not let the thoughts of me be sad.
 For I am loving you just as I always have . . .
 You were so good to me!
 There are so many things I wanted still to do
 So many things to say to you. . .
 Remember that I did not fear. . .
 It was just leaving you that was so hard to face. . .
 We cannot see beyond . . . But this I know;
 I loved you so - 'twas heaven here with you!*

-Isia Paschal Richardson

In Memory Of Melvin Dean "Mike" Brandt

Date of Birth
 January 7, 1935
 Sturgis, South Dakota

Date of Death
 March 18, 2019
 Sturgis, South Dakota

Service
 Friday, March 22, 2019 at 3:00 p.m.
 First Presbyterian Church
 Sturgis, South Dakota

Clergy
 Pastor Steve Talley

Musicians
 Brenda Schaffer
 Chris Kaitfors

Songs
 "It Is Well With My Soul"
 "Safe In The Arms Of Jesus"

Honorary Pallbearers
 Brian Brandt ~ Jeremy Brandt ~ Josh Pfeifle
 Nate Brandt ~ Matthew Brandt ~ Eric Schweitzer



Final Resting Place
 Bear Butte Cemetery
 Sturgis, South Dakota

