



William “Billy” Everett Swesey

Billy Swesey was born on January 2, 1932, at Sturgis, SD, to Bill and Ella (Mettler) Swesey. He was the youngest of 3, joining brother, Fred, and sister, Francis. Billy attended school in Porcupine, and then moved to Sturgis where he attended school through the 7th grade.

In his younger years he worked in the hills, logging and skidding logs with horses. He enjoyed playing guitar and singing with family and friends. He had a deep voice when he sang.



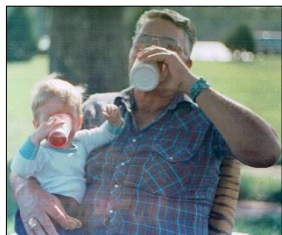
On October 20, 1952, he married Florence Secrest. They lived in an 8 by 10 trailer house. To this marriage, two sons were born, Everett and Lee. Later they moved North of Sturgis to a bigger home.

One month after the wedding, Billy was drafted into the US Army. In the stories he told, he did not like the ship ride to Korea. He received the Purple Heart for his actions during the war.

Billy drove trucks, logged, ranched, and farmed. He enjoyed doing most anything and

was a hard worker.

He enjoyed camping and fishing where there were no neighbors next to him. He also enjoyed going to all the country dances in the Sturgis area. He was a big help with Everett and Lee's 4-H and high school rodeos.



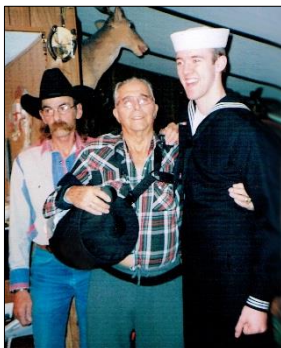
Billy enjoyed riding horses, moving cows, and camping out in Vanocker Canyon, Orman Dam, and Custer State Park. In their many years of traveling with their campers, Billy, Florence, Fred, and Sharron stopped in Nashville, TN, Colorado, New Mexico, Georgia, North Dakota, and Alaska. Everywhere he went and everything he did in life, he always had a smile on his face.

William “Billy” Everett Swesey, 86, Sturgis, died Friday, December 21, 2018, with his family by his side at the VA Black Hills Health Care Center at Fort Meade, SD.

Survivors include his wife of 66 years, Florence Swesey; son, Lee (Jeanette) Swesey; grandson, Valyen (Tamera) Swesey; step-grandchildren, Jill (Ryan) Thompson, Amanda (Doug) Fischer, and Lee (Kim) Risser; great-grandchildren, Leilani, Macei, and McKynlei; step-great-grandchildren, Justice, Dena, Logan, and David; and sister in law, Sharron Swesey.

He was preceded in death by his son, Everett; brother, Fred; sister, Francis; and his parents.

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



In Loving Memory Of



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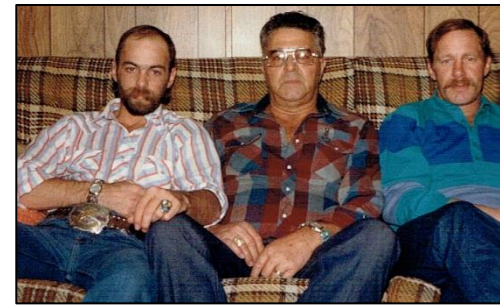
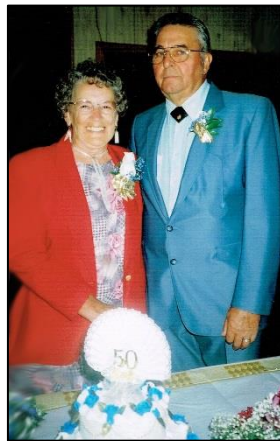
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The family would like to invite you to join them for fellowship and lunch following committal at the Vet's Club in Sturgis. We thank you for your presence and condolences.



A New Journey Begins

*There's a place
I've never seen
beyond this world we know,
A place I've only heard of
but someday hope to go -
It's not on any map,
there are no roads
to take me there,
But it's a place of perfect peace
where hearts are free from care.
And though I understand
some may be saddened
when I leave,
One day, we all will meet again -
that's what I believe...
When it's time to travel there,
I think I'll wear a smile,
I'll say good-bye to those I love,
but only for a while,
Knowing there are others
who have traveled there alone,
Who cannot wait to greet me
and to whisper "welcome home."*



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Born

January 2, 1932
Sturgis, South Dakota

Died

December 21, 2018
Fort Meade, South Dakota

Funeral Services

Thursday, December 27, 2018, at 10:00 a.m.
Kinkade Funeral Chapel
Sturgis, South Dakota

Officiating

Pastor Harold Delbridge

Musical Selections

"The Old Rugged Cross" "Amazing Grace"
"We Could"

Pallbearers

Lee Swesey ~ Valyen Swesey ~ Ronnie Swesey
Patty Weatherford ~ Renae Oelsen ~ Mick Strohschein

Honorary Pallbearers

All Family and Friends

Military Honors

Sturgis Volunteer Honor Guard

Interment

Black Hills National Cemetery
Sturgis, South Dakota