

Robert Adrian Raatz

Bob was born September 22, 1938, in Elbow Lake, MN, the son of Adrian and Helen Raatz.

Bob had a successful career with Bell Telephone Company as a cable maintenance worker. At Bell, he made many lifelong friends and was a union steward as well as a member of the Communications Workers of America. He spent 35 years with Bell Telephone before retiring in 1992. After retiring, he spent his time on his farm in Epiphany, SD, working on his tractor, growing hay, and caring for his cows and chickens.

He loved to travel and would go on long motorcycle trips. On one of these trips, he went to Yellowstone, WY, with his friends from the telephone company. He joined his son, Daniel, on a trip to Tennessee when he joined the Navy. Bob also rode across the Golden Gate Bridge and through Napa Valley, just to name a few of his many rides. He was an umpire for his children's little league team and moved many times during his life.

Bob was a generous spirit and a man who could always make you laugh. He truly lived his life through simple pleasures. He will be deeply missed by all who knew him.

Robert Adrian Raatz, 81, of Sturgis, died Sunday, October 27, 2019, in Spearfish.

Bob had 3 children that survive him, Terri, Daniel, and David, and they gave him many grandchildren and great-grandchildren. He is also survived by his sister, Yvonne; as well as many nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends.

He was preceded in death by his father, Adrian; mother, Helen; and sister, Eunice.

*I'd like the memory of me
to be a happy one.
I'd like to leave an after glow
of smiles when life is done.
I'd like to leave an echo
whispering softly down the ways,
Of happy times and laughing times
and bright and sunny days.
I'd like the tears of those who
grieve, to dry before the sun
Of happy memories that I leave
When life is done.*

Condolences can be sent to www.kinkadefunerals.com

We thank you for your presence and condolences.



In Loving Memory

Robert Adrian Raatz

September 22, 1938 ~ October 27, 2019



In Memory Of

Robert Adrian Raatz

Date of Birth

September 22, 1938
Elbow Lake, Minnesota

Date of Death

October 27, 2019
Spearfish, South Dakota

Celebration Of Life

12:00 p.m to 4:00 p.m.
Saturday, November 16, 2019
American Legion Post 22
Rapid City, South Dakota

*We thought of you today,
But that is nothing new.
We thought of you yesterday,
And will tomorrow too.*

*We think of you in silence,
And make no outward show.
For what it meant to lose you,
Only those who love you know.*

*Remembering you is easy,
We do it everyday.
It's the heartache of losing you,
That will never go away.*

*All we have is memories,
and your picture in a frame.
Your memory our keepsake,
with which we will never part.
God has you in His keeping....
We have you in our hearts.*

