

*In Loving Memory Of*  
***Gary Wayne Lippold***

***Born***

November 6, 1950  
Topeka, Kansas

***Died***

September 11, 2017  
Sturgis, South Dakota

***Funeral Services***

Friday, September 15, 2017, at 10:00 a.m.  
Sturgis Community Center Theater  
Sturgis, South Dakota

***Officiant***

Pastor Harold Delbridge

***Musical Selections***

“Amazing Grace” “I Did It My Way”  
“It’s A Wonderful World”  
“Eyes Of Texas”

***Pallbearers***

Shawn Cruickshank ~ Colton Cruickshank ~ John Simons  
Francie Alberts ~ Dan Jacobsen ~ RT Shaw

***Honorary Pallbearers***

Jamie Lynn Lankford ~ Janell Bjorklund ~ William Lippold  
Tana Luna ~ Jalee Luna ~ Connor Cruickshank

***Inurnment***

At A Later Date



***Gary Wayne Lippold***

***1950 ~ 2017***

***As long as a person doesn't  
admit he is defeated, he is not defeated  
He's just a little behind and isn't through fighting***



## Gary Wayne Lippold

Gary was born November 6, 1950, in Topeka, KS, to Wayne and Janet (Cruickshank) Lippold. The family moved to Corpus Christi, TX, in 1954, and remained in the state of Texas settling in the Austin area prior to Gary's elementary school years.

Gary was a lifelong Texas Longhorn fan, since the day Darrell Royal visited his neighborhood in Austin, TX, and threw a pass to Gary (which Gary caught). Gary loved football and supported his Texas teams his whole life.

Gary graduated from Liberty Hill High School in Liberty Hill, TX, in 1969. As a sophomore in high school, Gary proved to be an entrepreneur raising cattle and 1,000 hogs, which he sold to pay for his college education. In his youth, Gary loved golf, water skiing, hunting, and fishing.

Gary graduated from Southwestern University with a degree in accounting. Upon graduation, Gary went to work for J. Storm Drilling in Corpus Christi as an accountant.

Gary put his whole heart into everything he did. So it was when he established Glencoe CampResort in 1982, building it into a large and successful enterprise. His family's involvement during the Rally each year made these the happiest years of Gary's life. His folks, Wayne and Janet, ran the concession stands, his sister, Peggy, and brother-in-law, Ed, and family were often able to help and several long-time employees were as close as family; Fritz Lamphere, Cindy and Shawn Cruickshank, RT Shaw, and Jan Lamphere. Over the years, Gary was happy to work with the clients of New Dawn Center at Vale, providing many of them second chances at life.

In December 1991, Gary helped establish Sturgis Rally and Races to better manage and organize the annual motorcycle Rally. It was Gary's vision that the Rally return a tangible benefit to the residents of Sturgis.

Then he built Sturgis Dragway, Kickstart Travel Center, the Thunderdome, started Big G Construction, and became partners in Sturgis Bike Week, a t-shirt printing company. Since he missed raising cattle in Texas, during this time, he purchased a beautiful ranch near Enning, SD, where he made many improvements to the dams and infrastructure.

Gary was proud of his successful businesses, yet the story of Gary's life can only be told by the things he did to help other people. Gary was a

master organizer and problem solver. He was involved in more fund raising events than any of us can remember, including raising money for rural fire departments, friends with medical problems, community fund raisers and many others. In 1993, Gary organized an informal "inauguration" for Meade County resident Walter Dale Miller who became governor when Gov. Mickelson was killed in an airplane crash. Gary studied the art of catering to large groups of people, put together a battle plan, drew it out meticulously with every conceivable detail covered, then he and his friend, Bob Davis (and a large number of volunteers), fed over 3,000 people in 20 minutes.

Gary was a board member of the Greater Lifecare Foundation, Sturgis Area Business Alliance, and Meade Co. Taxpayers for Responsible Government.

Nothing was more dear to Gary's heart than the Lippold Hospice Unit at Sturgis Regional Hospital. This wonderful facility was dedicated in 2005 and named in honor of Gary's parents. At the dedication Gary said, "There is not a more compassionate or valuable gift than the support that hospice provides in a family's greatest hour of need." Countless families have been comforted over the years from this jewel in our community.

Gary will also be remembered as the co-founder of the Sturgis Mustang Rally, which just completed its 11th year. Gary's superior organizational skills, dedication to a project, and determination certainly played a vital role in making the Mustang Rally into such a successful event.

Sturgis businessman Gary Wayne Lippold died September 11, 2017, at the Lippold Hospice Suite after a heroic battle with cancer.

Gary Lippold is survived by his muscle and enforcer, soulmate and love of his life, Robin Shrake; brothers, Gregor Lippold, Newell, Bob (Thelma) Lippold, Portland, TX, and Peggy (Ed) Luna, Troy, TX; nieces, Janell (Keith), Jamie Lynn (Clark), Tana, and Jalee; nephew, William; and special friend, Bob Davis.

Gary was preceded in death by his parents, Wayne and Janet Lippold; and foster brother, John Bailey.

A memorial has been established to the upkeep and maintenance of the beloved Lippold Hospice Suite at Sturgis Regional Hospital.

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



*The family would like to invite you to join them for fellowship and lunch following the service in the Community Center Gymnasium. We thank you for your presence and condolences.*