



Billy Lee Swesey

Billy "Lee" Swesey, following a long, hard-fought battle with esophagus cancer, passed away Friday, April 8, 2022, at home with his family by his side.

Lee was a student at Sturgis Elementary and a Sturgis High School graduate of 1976. His many hobbies included Boy Scouts, 4-H, High School Rodeo, wrestling, and riding his horse to town many times! One of Lee's biggest accomplishments was winning the Saddle Bronc buckle at the Newell Labor Day Rodeo, September 1986. Lee also enjoyed camping, fishing, and being outdoors with a good camp fire.

Following his high school graduation, Lee enlisted in the Army and served from September 1976 through 1980, spending his time in Missouri, Georgia, and Korea. After returning home, Lee lived in Colorado working at Protechnics and Western Companies. Lee also fulfilled his cowboy dreams by entering in rodeos doing bareback, saddle bronc, and bulls.

In 1981 Lee married Kathy Williams, though they later divorced.

Lee's jobs then took him to North Dakota working for All State Paving, out of Minnesota, putting up cement plants. Through this career Lee met Jeanette Risser, and they welcomed their son, Valyen in 1990. They lived in North Dakota until 1993, when they moved to South Dakota for Lee's job with A.G.E. of Fort Pierre. Lee and Jeanette were then joined in marriage in May 2001. Then Lee's life took him to a job in Wyoming with Weatherford Welding and Earth Work Solutions up until his health required him to leave.

Lee is survived by his wife of 20 years, Jeanette; son, Valyen (Tamara) Swesey; stepchildren, Jill (Ryan) Thompson, Amanda (Doug) Fischer, and Lee Alan (Kimberly) Risser; grandchildren, Justice, Dena, Logan, David, Leilani, and twins, Juliette and William; mother-in-law, Shirley Risser; brothers-in-law, Clayton (Kim) Risser, Raymond (Wanda) Risser, and Richard (Betty) Risser; sisters-in-law, Susann (Jim) Bolinske, and Janelle (Kent) Barry; aunts, Punky Barden and Sharron Swesey; uncle, Gene (Marilyn) Secrest; and many loving cousins, nieces, and nephews.

Lee was preceded in death by his parents, Billy and Florence Swesey; brother, Everett Swesey; grandparents, Bill and Ella Swesey, and Fred and Minnie Secrest; uncle, Fred Swesey, and aunt, Francis Wickstrom.

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

The family invites you to a time of fellowship and a meal at the Sturgis Veterans Club, following the burial. Thank you for your presence and condolences.

In Loving Memory Of



Billy Lee Swesey

August 24, 1957 ~ April 8, 2022

To My Husband, Dad, and Papa

Thank you for loving us the past 35 years.

You have loved me, my children, and our son,
Unconditionally.

You gave us your everything.

Lee, you are the Strongest Person we know.

You never gave up.

You never quit.

You fought hard.

You told us you were scared.

"It will be OK."

You told us you were worried

"It will be OK."

You told us you were not ready to go.

"It will be OK."

Your pain is gone,

Your strength is back,

Your heart is full.

Thank you for teaching us to

Love,

Be strong,

For the memories,

For everything.

I love you Today, Tomorrow, For Ever.

Love, Jeanette



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Born

August 24, 1957
Sturgis, South Dakota

Died

April 8, 2022
Sturgis, South Dakota

Funeral Service

Monday, April 18, 2022, 11:00 a.m.
First Presbyterian Church
Sturgis, South Dakota

Officiants

Pastor Harold Delbridge
Pastor Paul Henschen

Special Music

"How Great Thou Art" "I'm Already There"
"Kiss Away My Ghosts" "Wait For You In Heaven"
"God Must Be A Cowboy"

Pallbearers

Valyen Swesey Ronnie Swesey Patty Weatherford
Doug Fischer Kelly Schultz Lee Risser

Honorary Pallbearers

All Family & Friends Class of 1976

Military Honors

Sturgis Veterans Honor Guard

Final Resting Place

Black Hills National Cemetery
Sturgis, South Dakota