

When I'm Gone

When I come to the end of my journey
and I travel my last weary mile,
just forget, if you can, that I ever frowned
and remember only the smile.
Forget unkind words I have spoken;
remember some good I have done.
Forget that I've stumbled and blundered
and sometimes fell by the way.
Remember I have fought some hard battles
and won, ere the close of the day.
Then forget to grieve for my going;
I would not have you sad for a day,
but in summer just gather some flowers
and remember the place where I lay,
and come in the shade of the evening
when the sun paints the sky in the west.
Stand for a few moments beside me
and remember only my best.

In Loving Memory



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Verdon "Burt" Kretzschmar was born April 12, 1951, in Watertown, SD, to Don and Wava (Seefeldt) Kretzschmar. He grew up on the family farm west of Willow Lake. He attended country school in Hague Township through the seventh grade and then started attending school in Willow Lake, graduating in 1969.

When he was a toddler, he contracted polio and was in rehabilitation in Huron, but by the grace of God, he survived.

He married the love of his life, Judy Brower, on June 3, 1972, in Willow Lake. They lived in Aberdeen for a number of years while Verdon worked construction projects. They moved to Rapid City where Verdon continued to work construction. He also worked in Sheridan, WY, before they moved to Wright, WY, where Verdon worked at Coal Creek Mine and Black Thunder Mine. He worked there for 35 years as an equipment operator before retiring in 2017.

Verdon and Judy have a residence in the beloved Black Hills, where they were spending their retirement years. Verdon was given the nickname 'Burt' by his co-workers many years ago.

He enjoyed snowmobiling, boating on Pactola, ice fishing, watching old westerns on TV, and riding his ATV.

Verdon is survived by his wife, Judy; his three sisters, Linda (Bryce) Collins, Willow Lake; Peg (Dale) Jorgensen, Sioux Falls; Pam (Kendall) Borg, Garretson; one brother, Rodell (Desi) Kretzschmar, Willow Lake; and a sister-in-law, Arlene Brower, Willow Lake; their cats, Kiddles and KC, along with several nieces and nephews.

Those that have gone on before him are his parents two brothers, Verlin and Kevin, a brother-in-law, Jerry Brower, and a sister-in-law, Jean (Myron) Edleman.



Celebrating the Life of Verdon Kretzschmar



Services from

Furness Funeral Home Chapel
Clark, South Dakota
Friday, July 17, 2020
1:00 PM

Officiant

Reverend Randy Bader

Music

Roxy Weidenbach, Vocalist
Sarah Jorgensen, Vocalist

"On Eagles' Wings"
"Amazing Grace. My Chains Are Gone"

Casketbearers

Lyle Forbes, Rickie Peterson, Marshall Edleman,
J.R. Borg, Dave Weidenbach, Brent Jorgensen



Interment

Collins Cemetery
Willow Lake, South Dakota



The family of Verdon Kretzschmar thanks you for your presence here today,
for your thoughts, prayers, and other acts of kindness shown to them.