

## Nels Martin Larive



Nels was born to George and Maita Christensen on June 12, 1934, in Sundance, WY. His father passed away when he was 3 years old. His mother, Maita, married Raphael Larive in 1941. They moved to St. Onge where he grew up. He married Kay F. Blotz in December 1956. They were blessed with seven children, 9 grandchildren, and four great-grandchildren.

Growing up, he worked on the family farm and from there he was a lineman and a truck driver before ending his career as a school bus driver. He enjoyed hunting, fishing, and family gatherings, but most of all, spending time with his grandchildren. They were his pride and joy.

Nels M. Larive, 82, entered into eternal peace on February 24, 2017, at Sturgis Regional Senior Care. His devotion to his family supported him in his struggle and ultimately gave him his peace.

He leaves his loving memories to be cherished by his very special wife of 60 years, Kay; sons, Mark (Tanya) Larive and Dan Larive; daughters, Cindy Barry, Lori (Bob) Packer, and Beck (Allen) Reiman; nine grandchildren, Corey (Heather) Barry, Holly (Marty) Spurlock, Gunnar Foss, Shania Larive, Tyler (Sheridan) Larive, Amanda Larive, Casey Packer, Cody Packer, and Caden Packer; four great-grandchildren, Chyanne Spurlock, Sophia Spurlock, KayLee Barry, and Connor Dove; two sisters, Alberta Nelson and Violet Erk; two brothers, Albert (Janet) Larive and George Larive; and several nieces and nephews.

Nels was preceded in death by his son, Chuck; daughter, Mary Esther; mother, Maita; fathers, Raphael Larive and George Christenson; and a sister, Lillian Derosier.

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



*The family would like you to join them for fellowship and lunch following the service at the church hall. We thank you for your presence and condolences.*

## *In Loving Memory Of*



## *Nels Martin Larive*

*1934 ~ 2017*



*What if the brilliant,  
twinkling stars  
that bring the dark night sky to life  
are windows looking out of heaven?  
And at that very moment  
When we're wishing  
on those stars,  
hoping that loved ones  
we have lost are happy,  
safe, and free.....  
maybe they are looking  
at those same stars  
from the other side,  
making the same wish for us....  
Sending us all their love.*



*In Loving Memory Of*  
***Nels Martin Larive***

***Born***

June 12, 1934  
Sundance, Wyoming

***Died***

February 24, 2017  
Sturgis, South Dakota

***Vigil***

Thursday, March 2, 2017 at 7:00 p.m.  
Kinkade Funeral Chapel  
Sturgis, South Dakota

***Mass Of Christian Burial***

Friday, March 3, 2017 at 2:00 p.m.  
St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Church  
Sturgis, South Dakota

***Celebrant***

Father Timothy Castor  
Deacon Roger Heidt

***Accompanist***

Valerie Hawkins

***Cantor***

Myron Volk

***Musical Selections***

“How Great Thou Art” “Prayer Of St. Francis”  
“Just A Closer Walk With Thee” “The Old Rugged Cross”  
“Ave Maria” “Be Not Afraid”

***Pallbearers***

Corey Barry ~ Tyler Larive ~ Casey Packer  
Cody Packer ~ Caden Packer ~ Gunnar Foss ~ Connor Dove

***Inurnment***

Saturday, March 4, 2017 at 10:00 a.m.  
St. Aloysius Catholic Cemetery  
Sturgis, South Dakota