

## Leslie Duane Koster

Leslie Duane Koster, 81, Piedmont, died Wednesday, May 4, 2016, at the Department of Veterans Affairs, Fort Meade, after a long battle with cancer.

Les was born July 29, 1934, in New Underwood, SD. He attended 8 years of school at the Hamilton #2 Country School. Les joined the US Army on May 8, 1957, and was a recovery specialist until his honorable discharge on May 7, 1959.

Les and his brothers were avid sportsmen. They loved to hunt and fish and Les enjoyed trapping. Many times, his brothers would come to the Black Hills for opening days of deer hunting season. They also enjoyed antelope hunting near Faith, SD. Les loved to fish, especially when he caught a 40 inch tiger muskee at Orman Dam.

Les moved to Piedmont, SD, where he helped take care of his aunt, Suzy Koster, after her husband died in 1964. Les was working as a butcher at the Bargain Barn Grocery when he met Ginger Benett. He and Ginger were married on May 4, 1964, and they made their home in Piedmont. He adopted Troy soon after.

Les loved his woodworking and gathering firewood. He was either building with wood, or burning it. His passion for wood led him into a career as a supervisor for Self Help Housing in Rapid Valley. Les also worked Meade County where he drove road grader for 3 years.

He is survived by his wife, Colleen "Ginger" Koster; son, Troy Koster; brother, Dean (Linda) Koster; and three sisters, Bonnie Tatum, June Garrett, and Marilyn (Tom) Tatum.

He was preceded in death by his parents, John and Pearl Koster; and his brother, Marvin.

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 after committal at the Vet's Club. We thank you for your presence and condolences.*



***He Was An  
Avid Trapper***



***In Loving Memory Of  
Leslie Duane Koster***

***1934 ~ 2016***



### ***The Twenty-Third Psalm***

The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want.  
He maketh me to lie down in green pastures:

He leadeth me beside the still waters.

He restoreth my soul: He leadeth me in the  
paths of righteousness for His name's sake.

Yea, though I walk through the valley of  
the shadow of death, I will fear no evil:

for thou art with me; Thy rod and  
thy staff they comfort me.

Thou preparest a table before me in the presence  
of mine enemies: thou anointest my head  
with oil; my cup runneth over.

Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me  
all the days of my life: and I will  
dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

## ***In Loving Memory Of***

## ***Leslie Duane Koster***

### ***Born***

July 29, 1934

New Underwood, South Dakota

### ***Died***

May 4, 2016

Fort Meade, South Dakota

### ***Memorial Service***

Monday, May 9, 2016 at 10:00 a.m.

Kinkade Funeral Chapel

Sturgis, South Dakota

### ***Officiating***

Harold Delbridge

### ***Musical Selections***

"The Old Rugged Cross"

"Amazing Grace"

### ***Honorary Urn Bearers***

John Ross ~ Myron Tatum ~ Lonnie Koster

Dave Koster ~ Dan Koster ~ Dean Koster

### ***Inurnment***

Black Hills National Cemetery

Sturgis, South Dakota