



## Arlie Murel Peck

Arlie Murel Peck was born August 13, 1934, to Murel and Doris (Week) Peck in Hettinger, ND. He attended rural schools in Perkins County and high school in Bison, SD. His dad bought a plane before Arlie was out of high school and Arlie learned to fly, getting his license when he was 16. After graduation from high school, he stayed on the farm with his dad and helped with the cattle and the never ending chore of grinding feed for the pigs. Arlie had the mail route from Strool to Date and Zeona. That was in the days when the road was dirt and he picked up cream along the route and also delivered groceries and repairs.

He was drafted into the Army in March of 1957 and was stationed at Ft. Chaffee, AR, for basic training and then went to Ft. Rucker, AL, to be trained as a helicopter mechanic. From there he was sent to Augsburg, Germany where he was stationed for 1 ½ years.

Arlie married Darlene Kellogg on May 23, 1957, at the Wesleyan Church in Prairie City.

Arlie bought the homestead of Robert Zimminer on the Perkins, Harding County line soon after his return. He and his father worked together increasing and improving a herd of registered Angus cattle and farming land owned by the Wesleyan Conference. In 1963, he and Darlene were divorced.

Arlie married Janice Mitchell Baldwin and her 3 children on June 1, 1964. Then they got ponies, bicycles, bum lambs and his father sent his 2 milk cows over for them to care for. Shirley was 10, Russ was 9, and Dawn was 7. Mitchell Murel was born on June 6, 1965, to complete the family.

Over the years, more land was added to the original purchase. A modern pipeline milking system was installed and the milking herd increased to around 40. Sheds, a shop, and machine shed were built. An addition was built on the house in 1976.

Arlie served on the Harding County Fair Board for many years, enjoying getting to know people on the other side of the county. They went to the county fairs and for years made the trip to Huron for the State Fair. Arlie also enjoyed team roping, bowling, and playing cards with neighbors.

In the fall of 1987, the milk cows were sold, but it was hard to break the habit of getting up at 4 AM. Janice had a lot of time on her hands so she started Jan's Country Catering. Turned out, Arlie got a lot more involved in this project than

he had planned. They did weddings, birthday parties and banquets.

They were members of the Slim Buttes Lutheran Church and Arlie served on the board. Here, they came to faith in their precious Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. Though they moved to a different community, they still thought of this church as home.

In 2001, Arlie and Janice moved to Sturgis, SD, to a townhouse where the lawn and snow were taken care of for them. In Sturgis, they worshiped at the Wesleyan Church where they had formed new friendships. Arlie enjoyed volunteering at the High Plains Heritage Museum in Spearfish.

Arlie died unexpectedly, after a surgical procedure, on January 28, 2012, in Spearfish Regional Hospital. The many expressions of love and support for his family reflect Arlie's life rich in love of family and friends.

Survivors include his wife, Janice Peck, Sturgis; daughter, Shirley (Tim) Kirby with children, Kyle and Shannon, Denver, CO; son, Russell (Junior) Baldwin, Toledo, WA; daughter, Dawn (Geoff) Kohn, with their children, Ben, James, and Rachel, Cleveland, OH; son, Mitchell (Jennifer) Peck and boys, Nathan and Nicholas, Rock Springs, WY.

A memorial has been established to the Sunday Radio Broadcast at the Slim Buttes Lutheran Church.

An online guestbook is available at [www.kinkadefunerals.com](http://www.kinkadefunerals.com).



*The family invites everyone to a time of fellowship and lunch in the church hall immediately following the memorial service.*

*We thank you for your presence and condolences.*

*In Loving Memory Of*

***Arlie Murel Peck***

***Born***

August 13, 1934  
Hettinger, North Dakota

***Died***

January 28, 2012  
Spearfish, South Dakota

***Prayer Service***

Tuesday, January 31, 2012, at 7:00 p.m.  
Kinkade Funeral Chapel

***Officiating*** ~ Rev. Dan Ziebarth

***Special Music***

T. J. Beckman

"Amazing Grace"      "What A Day That Will Be"  
"When We All Get To Heaven"

***Memorial Service***

Wednesday, February 1, 2012, at 1:00 p.m.  
Slim Buttes Lutheran Church  
Reva, South Dakota

***Officiating*** ~ Rev. Henry Mohagen

***Special Music***

***Accompanists*** ~ Shirley Kirby and Teddi Carlson

***Soloist*** ~ Roxanne Seaman

"What A Friend We Have In Jesus"  
"Mansion Over The Hilltop"

Slim Buttes Lutheran Church Choir  
"My Savior First Of All"



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***Arlie Murel Peck***

***1934 ~ 2012***



*When I come to the end of the road  
And the sun has set for me,  
I want no rites in a gloom filled room  
Why cry for a soul set free.*

*Miss me a little, but not for long  
And not with your head bowed low  
Remember the love we shared  
Miss me – but let me go.*

*For this is the journey we all must take  
And each must go alone.  
It's all a part of the Master's plan  
A step on the road to home.*

*When you are lonely and sick at heart  
Go to the hills we know  
And bury your sorrow among the trees  
Miss me – but let me go.*

***Mona Schmidt***