

James Everett Kruse

James Everett Kruse was born September 22, 1956, in Gordon, NE, to Joyce and Marion Kruse. He graduated from Sturgis Brown High School in 1974. In 1976, James joined the US Navy and served our country for 12 years. He worked at Continental Lumber Company in Hill City before joining the South Dakota Army National Guard in Sturgis. He retired as an SFC in 2012.

Jim married Patty Breslin in 1978. They had two children, Joan Elaine and Diedre Marie. They lived in Whidby Island, WA, and Norfolk, Virginia.

Jim married Marty Whiting on November 23, 1999. They lived in Sturgis, SD.

Jim spent time in Iraq in support of Operation Enduring Freedom.

Jim enjoyed riding his motorcycle with his friends from all over the country. He and Marty hosted rally bikers each year and became close friends with many of them.

Jim, 56, passed away after a courageous battle with cancer, Saturday, August 10, 2013, at the VA Black Hills Health Care Center at Fort Meade.

Survivors include his parents, Joyce and Marion Kruse, Sturgis; daughters, Joan Kruse and her daughters, Alexandria and Catreana, Rapid City, and Diedre (Derrick) McCall and their daughters, Lilly and Violet, Mangilao, Guam; three sisters, Laurie Behrens, Lisa (Scott) Bellew, and Kathy (Byron) Sarchet; and one brother, Russell (Ralphine) Kruse.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Marty (Whiting) Kruse.

Memorials have been established to Trinity Lutheran Church and the Cornerstone Mission Veteran's Program.

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

In Loving Memory Of



Jim Kruse

1956 ~ 2013



*The family invites you to join them for fellowship and lunch
in the church hall following the committal service.
We thank you for your presence and condolences.*



*It's hard to see tomorrow
When someone you love is gone.
And it's harder still to realize
That your life will still go on.
But the Lord won't give you burdens
Which He knows you cannot bear,
And He will not leave you comfortless - -
You'll always find Him there.
We're all our Father's children,
Here on earth and up above,
And your loved one now
Walks close to God,
Surrounded by His love.*



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Born

September 22, 1956
Gordon, Nebraska

Died

August 10, 2013
Fort Meade, South Dakota

Funeral Service

Friday, August 16, 2013, at 1:00 p.m.
Trinity Lutheran Church

Officiating

Pastor Nick Haasch

Congregational Hymns

"On Eagle's Wings" "Be Still My Soul"
"Amazing Grace"

Pallbearers

Scott Bellew ~ Russell Kruse ~ Dave Murtha
Richard Corbin ~ Larry Dvorak ~ Jeff Dvorak

Honorary Pallbearers

109th Engineer Battalion
LTC Aaron Jordan ~ MAJ Kenneth Kerfont
LTC Mark Harder ~ LTC Byron Sarchet
Rene Barfoot ~ Raymond Bohac ~ Bob Mueller
Carl and Jeanette Rezac ~ Putz (Gene) & Terrie Brownson
Casey and Vicki Collins ~ Kelan Markovich
Kathy Dvorak ~ Joann Corbin
Special thanks to Dave Murtha and Patti Tesky
for their love and care of James

Military Honors

Sturgis Veteran's Honor Guard

Interment

Black Hills National Cemetery