



Harold Orlando Kilness

Harold Orlando Kilness was born June 5, 1930, at Sturgis, SD, to Philip and Josephine (Hegge) Kilness. He attended Barada Grade School and graduated from Sturgis High School in 1948. In the fall of 1948, he enrolled at Augustana College. On June 2, 1952, he received a Bachelors Degree in mathematics and a minor in physics and education. He returned to the family ranch which had been homesteaded in 1909 by his father. Harold would reside on the ranch until his death.

Harold enjoyed saying, "I received my bachelors degree one day and lost it on the next day!" On Sunday, June 3, 1952,

Harold married Gwendolyn Wilkins, an Augustana College Nursing Student, from Clark, SD. They returned to the Marcus Ranch to live and retire. Harold's son, Robin, and daughter, DeeAnne, will continue to ranch there.

As a youth, Harold had daily chores: keeping firewood handy, feeding the pigs and sheep, tormenting his neighboring friends and big sister! Riding his horse and using him as a diving board into the dam on hot summer days. It was rumored that Harold put a mouse in the teacher's desk drawer! Maybe that is why he sat very close to the teacher the rest of the year.

Baseball was a great summer pastime for Harold. He was a pitcher for the Marcus baseball team. Winning was their goal! In 1957, Harold received the Outstanding Young Farmer's Award. He was president of the Meade County Farm Bureau and a member of the Bethel Lutheran Church at Faith, SD. He also served as a deacon, secretary, treasurer, and Sunday School teacher.

Harold enjoyed singing or yodelling if requested! He played the saxophone, piano, accodian, and mouth harp. Homemade ice cream was the best! He enjoyed playing games with his five grandchildren. Harold and granddaughter, Robin Linn, shared the same birthday on June 5th.

Harold, 82, Howes, SD, died Friday, November 9, 2012, at the David M. Dorsett Healthcare Center in Spearfish.

Survivors include his wife, Gwendolyn Kilness, Howes; son, Robin (Linda) Kilness and daughter, DeeAnne Kilness, all of Howes; grandchildren, Philip, Diane, Jene, Robin Linn, and Billie Jo; sister, Helen Kilness and long time family friend, Jene Crenshaw, of Big Bear Lake, CA.

He was preceded in death by his parents; brother, Milton; infant sister, Katherine; brothers, Kenneth and Justin; and sisters, Phyllis Waterland and Bethyl Maddox.

A memorial has been established to the Bethel Lutheran Church.

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

In Loving Memory Of



Harold Kilness

1930 ~ 2012



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.*



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Born

June 5, 1930
Sturgis, South Dakota

Died

November 9, 2012
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Funeral Service

Saturday, November 17, 2012, at 10:30 a.m.
Bethel Lutheran Church
Faith, South Dakota

Officiating ~ Pastor Wayne Olson

Accompanists ~ Jayne Jordan ~ Joni Hunt

Singers

Jim Hunt ~ Joni Hunt ~ Jessica Hunt

Musical Selections

"How Great Thou Art"

"The Lord's Prayer"

"Sweet Hour Of Prayer"

"What A Friend We Have In Jesus"

Pallbearers

Marv Williams ~ Allen Waterland ~ John Sletten
Earl Maier ~ Philip Kilness ~ Dan Jordan

Honorary Pallbearers

Harold Waterland ~ Wayne Sletten ~ Walt Simons
Walter Weichert ~ Dennis Ellefson ~ Russ Wilkins ~ Harley Weyer
And All Friends and Neighbors

Interment

Faith Cemetery

*The family invites everyone to a time of fellowship and lunch
in the church hall following the interment service.
We thank you for your presence and condolences.*