

### Robert Cleveland "Bob" Smiley

Robert Cleveland "Bob" Smiley was born May 4, 1925, in Belle Fourche, the third son of Artemas and Hilda (Satter) Smiley. His mother died of diphtheria when Bob was 16 months old, and Harry and Gertie (Simons) White, Red Owl, lovingly raised him as their foster son. Bob attended his first seven years of grade school at Red Owl and his final year at Marcus. He attended three years at Stoneville High School until it closed in 1941. Growing up, Bob enjoyed coon hunting, trapping, breaking and riding horses, ice skating, and playing baseball. Bob worked with Harry on the ranch raising sheep and cattle and bought the ranch after Harry died. He also worked for Kemp Gentry and other neighbors as a young adult.

Bob married Ardis Stage on June 28, 1956, at Union Center, and the couple made their home on the ranch near Red Owl. Bob owned a truck and permit with Harold Cobb and hauled livestock and feed for eight years. Bob and Ardis started raising Rambouillet sheep and Hereford cattle, enjoying the challenges and joys of ranching in Meade County. Four sons and two daughters were born to the couple. They lived on the ranch until September 2012 when they moved to Sturgis. In January 2014, Bob moved to the Sturgis Regional Nursing Home where he passed away peacefully to be with the Lord on August 11, 2017, at the age of 92.

Bob always had a love for outdoor activities including shooting, hunting, and fishing. He pitched for the Marcus baseball team. He also enjoyed reloading, horseshoes, cribbage, reading, and visiting with friends and neighbors. Bob was a hardworking, honest, humble, wise, and patient man. He is remembered as a good husband, father, and grandfather, a man who taught by example. He always took time from his busy life to spend quality time with family and found enjoyment in encouraging and supporting them. Bob was well liked and respected in the Red Owl area and will be dearly missed by all.

Blessed and grateful for Bob's life are his wife of 61 years, Ardis of Sturgis; five children, Rob (Kim) Smiley of Red Owl, Rick Smiley, Donna (Loren) Bruse, and Russell (Melinda) Smiley all of Sturgis, and Diana (Luke) Lopez of Mobridge; and eight grandchildren, Sierra Bruse, Kristin Smiley, Blake Smiley, Shelbi Bruse, Caden (Jori) Smiley, Sarah Lopez, Sophia Lopez, and Tanner Smiley.

Bob was preceded in death by his parents; his foster parents; an infant son, Cody Stage Smiley; two brothers John "Jack" Smiley and Richard "Dick" Smiley; infant sister, Clara Mae Smiley; and foster sisters Sis (White) Kovarik and Vivian (White) Murphy.

A memorial has been established to the Red Owl Hall.

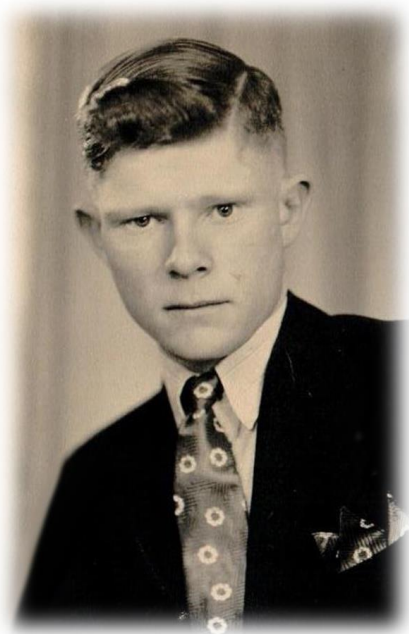
Condolences may be sent to the family at [www.kinkadefunerals.com](http://www.kinkadefunerals.com).



*In Loving Memory Of*  
*Robert Cleveland "Bob" Smiley*

*1925 ~ 2017*

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



### ***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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## ***Robert Cleveland "Bob" Smiley***

### ***Born***

May 4, 1925  
Belle Fourche, South Dakota

### ***Died***

August 11, 2017  
Sturgis, South Dakota

### ***Funeral Service***

Saturday, August 19, 2017, at 2:30 p.m.  
Union Center Baptist Church  
Union Center, South Dakota

### ***Officiant***

Pastor Harold Delbridge

### ***Accompanist***

Sylvia Rhoden

### ***Soloist***

Robert Dennis

### ***Musical Selections***

"The Old Rugged Cross"

"Amazing Grace"

"Just As I Am" ~ Congregational Hymn

### ***Pallbearers***

Caden Smiley ~ Blake Smiley ~ Loren Bruse  
Luke Lopez ~ Randy Keffeler ~ Brad Andrews ~ Tanner Smiley

### ***Interment***

Pleasant View Cemetery  
Red Owl, South Dakota