

## ***Roger Owen Gillespie***

Roger O. Gillespie, 68, of Whitewood, SD, passed away after a long hard-fought battle with Covid, on Monday, December 27, 2021, at Monument Health Rapid City, SD.

Roger was born in Deadwood, SD, on February 15, 1953, to Gordon and Allevia Gillespie. He was the 3<sup>rd</sup> of 7 children. Roger attended all 13 years of school in Spearfish. He graduated from Spearfish High school in 1971.

Roger had a variety of jobs starting with paper delivery, which he rode his bike to deliver to Upper and Lower valley of Spearfish, Safeway, Garhart Sawmill, Hubbard Milling, Homestake Sawmill, Pope and Talbot, and retiring in 2019, from Nieman Sawmill. He worked in sawmills for over 47 years.

Roger loved fishing summer and ice, golfing, and hunting. Rog was also ready and willing to help anyone with projects from building decks, installing windows, putting flooring down, water heaters, working on cars, just being Papa to his 8 grandkids, and being with family and friends.

Roger married Sandy Cooper on May 19, 1973.

Roger is survived by his wife, Sandy; three children: Clint (Sonya) Gillespie, of Sundance, WY, Shannon (Rod) Heikes, of Sturgis, SD, and Steve (Deza) Gillespie, of Sturgis, SD; eight grandchildren, Wyatt, McKaya, Keeley, Brinley, Paige, Cameron, Cody, and Whitney; three sisters, Phyllis (Terry) Zenk, Riverton, WY, and Deb Fustos, Riverton, WY, and Barb Deibert, Spearfish, SD; two brothers, Jerry (Mineko) Gillespie, of Salina, KS, and Jason (Nicky) Gillespie of Gillette, WY; special in-laws, nieces, nephews, family, and friends.

Roger was preceded in death by his parents, Gordon and Allevia Gillespie; in-laws, John and Louise Cooper; brother, Keith Gillespie; nephew, Tige Cooper; brother-in-law, Larry Deibert; and many cousins. May they all rest in peace.

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

*The family invites you to join them for fellowship and lunch following the service.  
Thank you for your presence and condolences.*

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



## ***Roger Owen Gillespie***

***February 15, 1953 ~ December 27, 2021***



***“WHEN TOMORROW STARTS WITHOUT ME”***

When tomorrow starts without me  
And I'm not here to see  
If the sun should rise and find your eyes  
All filled with tears for me

I wish you wouldn't cry  
The Way you did today  
While thinking of the many things  
We did not get to say

I know how much you love me  
As much as I love you  
Each time that you think of me  
I know you will miss me too

When tomorrow starts without me  
Please try to understand  
That an angel came and called my name  
And took me by the hand

The angel said my place was ready  
In heaven far above  
And That I would have to leave behind  
All those I Dearly Love

I had so much to live for,  
so much yet to do.  
It seemed almost impossible,  
that I was leaving you.

So When Tomorrow starts without me  
Do not think we're apart  
For every time you think of me  
Remember I'm right here in your heart

***In Loving Memory Of  
Roger Owen Gillespie***

***Born***

February 15, 1953  
South Dakota

***Died***

December 27, 2021  
Rapid City, South Dakota

***Memorial Services***

Monday, January 3, 2022, 11:00 a.m.  
Sturgis City Auditorium  
Sturgis, South Dakota

***Officiating***

Pastor Dusty Hess

***Speaker***

Terry Zenk

***Music***

“Lane's Theme”  
“Hallelujah”

***Honorary Pallbearers***

All Family and Friends

***Final Resting Place***

At A Later Date