Ralph Lyle Reede

Ralph Lyle Reede was born November 15, 1925, at Faith, SD. He attended school at East Flintrock north of Faith. He worked on the home ranch and the Faith sale barn until he was 18. He joined the United States Marine Corps and served his country honorably. He was wounded at Iwo Jima and received a purple heart. Following his discharge, he returned home in 1945. He has been a member of the American Legion since his discharge.

On June 3, 1949, he married Zelpha Maye Hansen in Rapid City. The couple bought a farm east of Lantry, SD, and Ralph laughingly referred to it as the "starvation plot". They moved to Lantry where they owned and operated the 4 Winds Club. They converted it into a gas station and convenience store. They also bought and operated the Lantry Oil company.

Following retirement in 1994 they moved east of Sturgis where Ralph spent his days playing cards and feeding his calves.

Ralph, 86, Sturgis, died at his home on Saturday, July 14, 2012.

Survivors include his wife, Zelpha Reede, Sturgis; sons, Glenn Reede, Belle Fourche, Allen (Jean) Reede, Spearfish, and Larry (Mary) Reede, Dupree; daughters, Carla Edwards, Columbus, MT, and Kathy (Carl Olson) Lemke, New Underwood; one sister, Alice Leibswager, Utah; 18 grandchildren; and 42 great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents, four brothers, three sisters, one daughter, and one son-in-law.

Memorials have been established to the Trinity Lutheran Church and the Meade County Senior Center.

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

In Loving Memory Of



*Ralph Reede*1925 ~ 2012

Safely Home

I am home in Heaven, dear ones;
Oh, so happy and so bright!
There is perfect joy and beauty
In this everlasting light.

All the pain and grief is over, Every restless tossing passed; I am now at peace forever, Safely home in Heaven at last.

Did you wonder why I so calmly Trod the valley of the shade?
Oh! But Jesus' love illumined Every dark and fearful glade.

And He came himself to meet me In that way so hard to tread, And with Jesus' arm to lean on, Could I have one doubt or dread?

Then you must not grieve so sorely; For I love you dearly still; Try to look beyond earth's shadows, Pray to trust our Father's Will.

There is work still waiting for you, So you must not idly stand; Do it now, while life remaineth -You shall rest in Jesus' land.

When that work is all completed, He will gently call you home; Oh, the rapture of that meeting, Oh, the joy to see you come!

In Loving Memory Of

Ralph Lyle Reede

Born

November 15, 1925 Faith, South Dakota

Died

July 14, 2012 Sturgis, South Dakota

Funeral Service

Tuesday, July 17, 2012, at 2:00 p.m. Trinity Lutheran Church

Officiating

Pastor Nick Haasch Pastor Lloyd Lemke Pastor Bill Russow

Accompanist

Rachelle Schultz

Musical Selections

"On Eagle's Wings"
"How Great Thou Art"
"Until We Meet Again"

Pallbearers

Troy Edwards ~ Brian Edwards ~ Christopher Edwards Matt Reede ~ Mike Reede ~ Joshua Reede ~ Sam Reede Ralph Reede ~ Anthony Pritzkau ~ Jeremy Reede

Honorary Pallbearers

All Grandchildren and Great-Grandchildren

Military Honors

Sturgis Veteran's Honor Guard

Interment

Black Hills National Cemetery