

Harley James Oster was born on May 14<sup>th</sup>, 1946 in Mobridge, SD to John and Irene (Pfeifle) Oster. Harley grew up in Java, SD until the family settled in Spearfish, SD. Harley graduated from Spearfish High School in 1964. He attended some college before enlisting in the US Air Force. He served in the Vietnam War and was honorably discharged from the Air Force in July 1970.

Harley married Karen (Haeger) Oster on April 4, 1981. Harley and Karen had 2 children- Chrissy and DJ. The family lived in rural Rozet, WY for 9 years and then moved to Gillette, WY in 1991. Harley worked for the coal mines and retired in 2008. Harley and Karen made their first move to Florida upon his retirement. This was the first of many moves for Harley and Karen until they finally settled in Sturgis, SD in 2021. Harley was a member of the St. Paul Lutheran Church when they finally settled back in Sturgis.

Harley enjoyed among many things, family gatherings, watching his tv shows and sports, but most of all Harley is known for his love of fishing. He traveled to Canada, Australia, Florida for fishing as well as almost all the lakes in the Black Hills region and northeast Wyoming. Harley not only fished, but he told many fish "stories" - maybe one or two were true.

Harley passed away peacefully in his home on June 5<sup>th</sup>, 2024. Harley was preceded in death by his Dad and Mom.

Harley is survived by his wife of 43 years, Karen and his children, Christina "Chrissy" (Chris) Fergen and David "DJ" (Brandi) Oster; seven grandchildren, Hailey, Brady, Alana, Isaac, Stevie, Charlotte, and Callie. He is also survived by his four siblings, Arlene (Roger) Kromarek, Sylvia (Ron) Hanson, Bruce (Cheryl) Oster, and Jerry (Laura) Oster and many nieces and nephews whom Harley loved.

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  
in the church hall, following the service.  
Thank you for your presence and condolences.*



***In Loving Memory Of  
Harley James Oster  
May 14, 1946 ~ June 5, 2024***

***"He will wipe every tear from their eyes. There will be  
no more death or mourning or crying or pain, for the  
old order of things has passed away."***

***Revelation 21:4***

*In Loving Memory Of*  
**Harley James Oster**

*Born*  
May 14, 1946  
Mobridge, South Dakota

*Died*  
June 5, 2024  
Sturgis, South Dakota

*Memorial Service*  
Thursday, June 13, 2024, 12:30 p.m.  
St. Paul Lutheran Church  
Spearfish, South Dakota

*Officiant*  
Reverend Dr. Thomas Brown

*Musicians*  
Organist: Janice Huffman   Soloist: Hailey Fergen  
Guitar: Alana Fergen   Piano: Brady Fergen

*Musical Selections*  
“How Great Thou Art”   “Amazing Grace”  
“Yet Not I, but Through Christ in Me”

*Urnbearer*  
Hailey Fergen

*Honorary Urnbearers*  
Brady Fergen   Alana Fergen   Charlotte Fergen  
Callie Fergen   Isaac Fergen   Stevie Oster

*Final Resting Place*  
Black Hills National Cemetery  
Sturgis, South Dakota

