

## Wesley Bruce Printz

Wesley Bruce Printz was born January 24, 1930, at Wasta, SD, to Oscar and Theresa (Napier) Printz. He was raised in the Elm Springs area during the very dry 30's with his brothers and sister until he joined the Navy in 1947. He served in the Far East and Korea aboard the USS Wiltsie until his honorable discharge in 1951. Following his return to South Dakota, he was employed at the Black Hills VA Health Care Center at Fort Meade until his retirement.

Wes served on the Sturgis town council and was a city magistrate. Wes was also a Boy Scout troop leader (#16).

After his retirement, Wes worked as a contract electrician in the Sturgis area. Wes also enjoyed working in his woodshop.

Wes was a former member of the South Dakota Army National Guard, the Korean War Veterans Association, the USS Wiltsie Association, and the VFW.

Wes, 82, Sturgis, died Monday, November 5, 2012, at Sturgis Regional Hospital.

Survivors include his wife, Audrey Printz, Sturgis; sons, James (Nancy) Printz, Rockford, IL, and Trent (Maggie) Printz, Culpepper, Virginia; daughters, Debra (Rick) Palamino, Herndon, Virginia, Carol (Hugh) Brechtel, Rapid City, SD, and Cheryl (Henry) Wiechern, Emerson Manitoba, Canada; brothers, Martin (Shirley) Printz, New Underwood, SD, and Bill (Pat) Printz, Sidney, NE; 12 grandchildren; and 11 great-grandchildren. Survivors also include step-children, Greg (Jacque) Lee, Lincoln, NE, Pam (Alan) Williams, Sturgis, SD, and Debbie Johnston, Justin, TX; and five step-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents, one brother, and two sisters.

A memorial has been established to the Sturgis Ambulance Service.

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



*In Loving Memory Of*

**Wes Printz**

**1930 ~ 2012**

*The family invites everyone to a time of fellowship and lunch in the  
Son Shine Room in the church basement following the committal service.  
We thank you for your presence and condolences.*



***I'm Free***

*Don't grieve for me, for now I'm free  
I'm following the path God has laid you see.  
I took His hand when I heard His call  
I turned my back and left it all.*

*I could not stay another day  
To laugh, to love, to work or play.  
Tasks left undone must stay that way  
I found the peace at the close of day.*

*If my parting has left a void  
Then fill it with remembered joys - -  
A friendship shared, a laugh, a kiss  
Oh yes, these things I too will miss.*

*Be not burdened with times of sorrow.  
I wish you the sunshine of tomorrow.*

*My life's been full, I savored much,  
Good friends, good times, a loved one's touch.*

*Perhaps my time seemed all too brief - -  
Don't lengthen it now with undue grief.  
Lift up your hearts, and peace to thee - -  
God wanted me now: He set me free.*

***In Loving Memory Of***

***Wesley Bruce Printz***

***Born***

January 24, 1930  
Wasta, South Dakota

***Died***

November 5, 2012  
Sturgis, South Dakota

***Memorial Service***

Thursday, November 8, 2012, at 2:00 p.m.  
Grace Lutheran Church

***Officiating***

Pastor Will Olsen

***Accompanist***

Roxie Chowen

***Singers***

Danny Chapman  
Danilee Pudwill

***Musical Selections***

"How Great Thou Art"  
"Amazing Grace"

***Honorary Pallbearers***

John Printz ~ Eric Printz ~ Byron Printz ~ Tom Foster  
Daren Printz ~ Traver Printz ~ Marty Printz ~ Bill Printz  
John Linn ~ Jim Linn ~ Don Erickson

***Military Honors***

Rapid City VFW Post 1273 Honor Guard

***Inurnment***

Black Hills National Cemetery  
Sturgis, South Dakota