

Ronald "Ronnie" Floyd Fees

Ronald "Ronnie" Floyd Fees, 86, Opal, SD, died Tuesday, July 21, 2015, at the Department of Veterans Affairs, Fort Meade.

Ronnie was born July 10, 1929, in Faith, SD, to Floyd and Emily (Hockinson) Fees. He grew up on the ranch at Opal, SD. He attended schools in the Opal area.

Ronnie served in the US Marine Corp actively from 1952 through 1954 during the

Korean War. He was honorably discharged from the Reserves in November of 1959. Upon his return, he worked the ranch with his father, later taking it over.

Ronnie met Rose Moelter shortly after his return and they were married May 31, 1956. They had five children, Connie, David, Cathy, Candi, and Emily.

Ronnie was involved with the Opal Hall and enjoyed being "the cop" at the dances. He was active as a volunteer with the Opal Fire Department and served as Assistant Chief for several years.

Surviving are his children, Connie (Darwin) Hellekson of Philip, SD, David (Carmen) Fees of Opal, SD, Cathy Fees-Oliver of Guthrie, OK, and Candi (Jim Eaton) Fees-Davis of Rapid City, SD; grandchildren, Jesi Hellekson (fiancé TJ), Rapid City, SD, Dane Hellekson (fiancée Ashley) Philip, SD, Katrina (Jon) Collins, Faith, SD, Mandi (Cody) Skogen, Opal, SD, Clinton (Amanda) Fees, Summerset, SD, Joshua (Nedra) Fogelman, Mulhall, OK, Zackery (Tabitha) Fogelman, Mulhall, OK, Austin Oliver (fiancée Kristyn), Guthrie, OK, Emily (Jason) Hitchcock, Piedmont, SD, and Cortney Eaton, Rapid City, SD; 12 great-grandchildren; numerous nieces and nephews; and his sister, Darlene Palmer of Aberdeen, SD. He is also survived by his best friend, Cubbi.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Rose; three brothers, Wendell, Byron, and Glen Fees; and his parents, Floyd and Millie.

A memorial has been established to the Opal Fire Department.

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

The family invites you to join them for fellowship and lunch in the church hall immediately following the funeral service. We thank you for your presence and condolences.

In Loving Memory Of



Ronald Floyd Fees

1929 ~ 2015





The Broken Chain

*We little knew that morning that
God was going to call your name.
In life we loved you dearly.
In death we do the same.*

*It broke our hearts to lose you.
You did not go alone,
for part of us went with you
the day God called you home.*

*You left us peaceful memories.
Your love is still our guide.
And though we cannot see you,
you are always at our side.*

*Our family chain is broken
and nothing seems the same,
but as God calls us one by one,
the Chain will link again.*

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Born

July 10, 1929
Faith, South Dakota

Died

July 21, 2015
Ft. Meade, South Dakota

Funeral Service

Tuesday, July 28, 2015, at 10:00 a.m.
Opal Church

Officiant ~ Pastor Harold Delbridge

Soloist ~ Vonda Mahaffey

Musical Selections

"Precious Memories" "In The Garden"
"Life's Railway To Heaven"

Pallbearers

Walter Fees ~ Josh Fogelman ~ Zack Fogelman
Dane Hellekson ~ Clinton Fees ~ Austin Oliver

Honorary Pallbearers

All Granddaughters and Great-Grandchildren

Interment

Black Hills National Cemetery

