

Donald "Sonny" Garfield Sorenson, 88, Deadwood, South Dakota, passed away on Monday, April 10, 2023, at Monument Health Lead-Deadwood.

Donald was born on December 20, 1934 in Rapid City, SD, to Arthur and Hazel Sorenson. He lived in Sturgis until 1940, when they moved to Central City, SD. In the Spring of 1941, they moved to a ranch near White Owl, SD. Arthur and Hazel bought the White Owl Store in 1947.

Donald attended Sturgis High School, where he met his sweetheart, Lila Mae Fenner. They were married on June 22, 1953, and lived on a ranch by White Owl until 1954; when they rented a ranch near Plainview, SD. In 1955 Sonny went to work for Garry and Virgil Simons. In the spring of 1960, he went to work for the SDDOT in Sturgis and in 1962 he transferred to Deadwood SDDOT, where he worked until retirement in 1996.

Sonny liked hunting, fishing, camping and golfing. He enjoyed square and round dancing with his love Lila. Sonny played baseball in Marcus for several years and later played slow pitch softball in Deadwood. Sonny was the president of the Deadwood Little League and a 3-year member of the Deadwood Historic Preservation Commission. He also enjoyed woodworking and working on their Model T car.

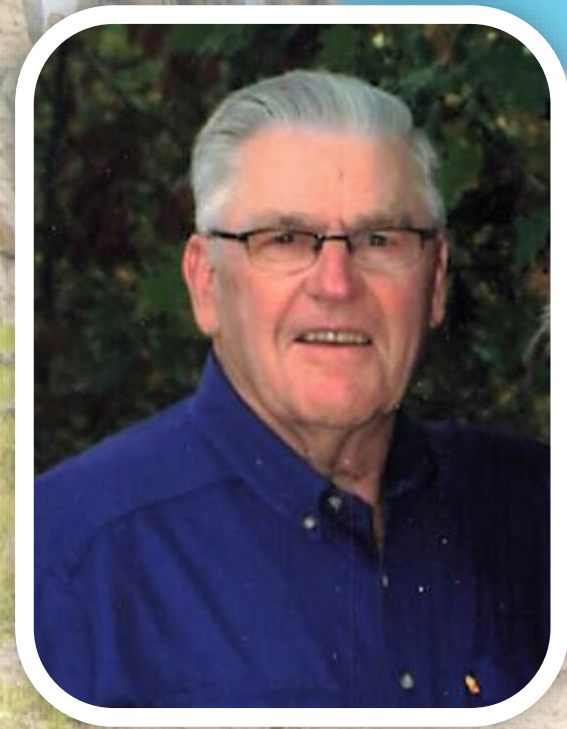
Sonny is survived by his wife of nearly 70 years, Lila Mae; his children, Neal Sorenson, Deadwood, SD, Noreen (Dennis) Feterl, Sioux Falls, SD, Todd (Jody) Sorenson, Rapid City, SD; his grandchildren; Josey Sorenson, Thea, Isaiah and Jaden Feterl, and Lavinia Sherman, his great-grandchildren, Silas and Erin Sorenson, Ella and Charlie Sherman; and his siblings, Darlene (Jack) Pullins, Colorado, and Dean (Nancy) Sorenson Spearfish, SD. Sonny is preceded in death by his parents, Arthur and Hazel Sorenson; his brother, Grant Sorenson; and granddaughter, Erin Sorenson.

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

*The family invites you to join them for fellowship and lunch  
at the church, following the service.*

*Thank you for your presence and condolences.*

# *A Celebration Of Life*



***Donald Garfield Sorenson***  
***December 20, 1934 ~ April 10, 2023***

*In Loving Memory Of*

**Donald “Sonny” Sorenson**

*Dad is just a little word*

*That we have always used*

*But it takes a bigger man,*

*To fill a father’s shoes*

*It takes a lot of heart and soul;*

*It takes a life I know*

*Sometimes it takes so many things*

*That never even show.*

*Your love and your protection*

*Is the shield around our hearts*

*It lets us know that you are here*

*When we are all apart.*

*We thank you Dad for being big,*

*Even though the world is small*

*A better man we couldn’t find*

*To fill the job at all.*

**Born**

December 20, 1934

Rapid City, South Dakota

**Died**

April 10, 2023

Deadwood, South Dakota

**Memorial Service**

Saturday, April 15, 2023, 10:00 a.m.

First Presbyterian Church

Lead, South Dakota

**Officiant**

Reverend Jil Jennewein

**Musician**

Tom Ecker

**Musical Selections**

“Christ Arose” “I Can Only Imagine”

“Could I Have This Dance”

**Honorary Pallbearers**

Josey Sorenson Thea Feterl Isaiah Feterl

Jaden Feterl Lavinia Sherman

**Final Resting Place**

Pine Lawn Memorial Park

Rapid City, South Dakota