

Ronald Ray Larson, 62, of Rapid City, died November 4, 2019, at Rapid City Regional Hospital.

Ron was born June 14, 1957, in Hot Springs, SD, the first of five children born to Melvin Charles Larson and Jeanette Carol (Raver) Larson. He grew up in the Black Hills and kindled a love for the outdoors, hunting, and fishing.

He graduated from Sturgis Brown High School in 1975. After graduation, he worked for the railroad. He was very good with a hammer, working various construction jobs. Life was full of opportunities for Ron. He was an excellent skier and worked and skied in Colorado with the New Zealand Olympic ski team. When he lived in Florida, he ran a crew of ironworkers laying out skyscrapers from the ground up. He loved to brag on how the engineers would turn him loose on a building, confident that he could erect the structure within an 1/8" of plumb.

When he came back to South Dakota, he hired on with South Dakota Game, Fish, and Parks, grooming trails. He loved the tranquility of driving through the hills on the groomer.

He married Marla Edwards on September 28, 1986, the first time, and after some time of adjustment, they remarried September 6, 1994.

Ron was a very compassionate person who loved people and was always willing to help those who were down and out. As a recovering alcoholic, he touched many lives helping them deal with the demons he was all too familiar with.

He is survived by his daughter, Jennifer (Robert) Young, Rapid City; son, Brandon (Toni) Larson of Gillette, WY; seven grandchildren, RhiAnna Young, Kyla Mitsos, Leighton Young, Landon Mitsos, Lance Mitsos, Logan Larson, and Brittany Larson; his sisters, Lawana (Jeff) Gramm, Mesa, AZ, and Cheryl (Bergie) Bergstrom, Rapid City, SD; brothers, Dan (Jonni) Larson, Sturgis, and Justin (Heather) Worley, Kenosha, WI; as well as numerous aunts, uncles, nieces, and nephews.

He was preceded in death by both parents, and a sister.

In lieu of flowers, a memorial has been established for the Cornerstone Rescue Mission and their Transition program.

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



The family invites you to join them for fellowship and lunch at the Loud American Roadhouse in Sturgis following the memorial service. We thank you for your presence and condolences.



IN LOVING MEMORY

Ronald "Ron" Ray Larson

June 14, 1957 ~ November 4, 2019

In Memory Of
Ronald "Ron" Ray Larson

Date of Birth

June 14, 1957
Hot Springs, South Dakota

Date of Death

November 4, 2019
Rapid City, South Dakota

Memorial Service

Saturday, November 9, 2019, at 10:00 a.m.
Kinkade Funeral Chapel
Sturgis, South Dakota

Officiating

Pastor Joel Gross

Songs

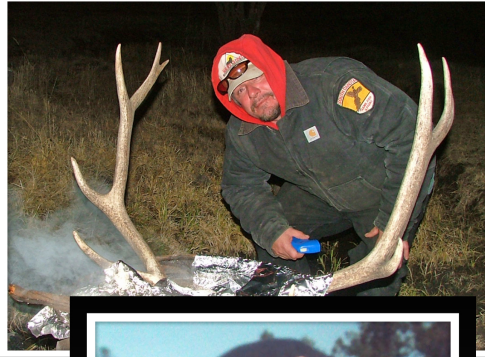
"I'm On Fire"
"Wish You Were Here"
"Lead Me Home"

Honorary Pallbearers

Mark Carpenter Steve Hammer Mike Howe
Keith Bender Robert Young Loren Larson

Inurnment

Held At A Later Date



The Bend in the Road

When we feel we have nothing left to give
And we are sure that the "Song has ended" -
When our day seems over and the shadows fall
And the darkness of night has descended,

And together we stand at life's crossroads
And view what we think is the end,
But God has a much bigger vision
And He tells us it's only a bend - -

Where can we go to find the strength
To valiantly keep on trying,
Where can we find the hand that will dry
The tears that the heart is crying- -

For the road goes on and is smoother,
And the "pause in the song" is a "rest,"
And the part that's unsung and unfinished
Is the sweetest and richest and best - -

There's but one place to go and that is to God
And, dropping all pretense and pride,
We can pour our problems without restraint
And gain strength with Him at our side—

So rest and relax and grow stronger,
Let go and let God share your load,
You work is not finished or ended,
You've just come to "a bend in the road."

Helen Steiner Rice