

Elmer Leach Bryant

Elmer Leach Bryant was born in Rapid City, SD, on January 5, 1945. He was one of nine children born to Seibert Leach & Edna Ellen (Farnsworth) Bryant. He was raised on the Bryant Ranch on Tilford Road. He attended Piedmont & Sturgis schools and graduated from Sturgis High School in 1964. He grew up working hard and tending cattle on the family ranch.

Elmer moved briefly working for a dairy in St. Onge before returning to the family ranch and beginning his own herd. He inherited & purchased part of the Bryant ranch in the early 90's and loved being a rancher the entirety of his life.

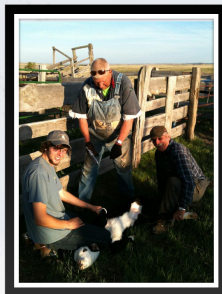
Elmer was in the SD National Guard, 842nd Engineering Company. He retired in 1993 as a Sergeant First Class/E7 Rank. Elmer was active on the National Guard rifle team and a Sr. coach for Jr. Guards. He had many friends and mentored many young shooters throughout his time. Elmer was always joking and telling stories about his travels with the National Guard and taking the shooting team to Camp Perry National Matches.

Elmer was a gifted large equipment operator from the skills he gained through the guards. He worked for a private road construction company for many years and enjoyed the work he did both there and on his ranch. He was an avid fisherman, taking the trip of a lifetime to Canada on a fishing expedition. He also loved spending time with his family touring the Black Hills, fishing local lakes, and camping.

Elmer passed peacefully from this world on April 12, 2020, after a long battle with health issues.

He is survived by three children; Lorrie Behl, Scott (Amber) Bryant, AND Genetie (Dean Szymanski) Hendrix; grandsons, Steffan & Michael Smith, Elliot & Ethan Hendrix, Tristan & Talon Bryant; step-grandchildren, Kaycee Szymanski, and Alyssa, Canin, & Savannah Jones; brothers, Roy, John, Paul, and David Bryant; and numerous nieces & nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Leach and Edna Bryant; brothers, Louis and Dale Bryant; and sisters, Mary Baker and Ida Tryon.



Condolences can be sent to www.kinkadefunerals.com

The family invites you to join them for fellowship and lunch at the Piedmont Park following the memorial service. We thank you for your presence and condolences.



In Loving Memory

Elmer Leach Bryant

January 5, 1945 ~ April 12, 2020



The LORD
is my shepherd:
I shall not want.

He maketh me to lie down in green pastures:
He leadeth me beside the still waters.

He restoreth my soul:
He leadeth me in the paths of righteousness
for His NAME's sake.

Yea, though I walk through the valley
of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil:
for Thou art with me;

*Thy rod and Thy staff
they comfort me.*

Thou preparest a table before me
in the presence of mine enemies:
Thou anointest my head with oil;
my cup runneth over.

Surely goodness and mercy shall
follow me all the days of my life;
and I will dwell in the house of the LORD
forever.



In Memory Of
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Date of Birth
January 5, 1945
Rapid City, South Dakota

Date of Death
April 12, 2020
Rapid City, South Dakota

Service
Monday, August 3, 2020, at 11:30 a.m.
Grace United Methodist
Piedmont, South Dakota

Clergy
Pastor John Britt

Songs
"You Raise Me Up"
"Go Rest High on That Mountain"

Military Honors
Sturgis Veteran's Honor Guard
South Dakota Army National Guard

Final Resting Place
Black Hills National Cemetery
Sturgis, South Dakota

*Friends are invited to listen 'Drive-In' style in their vehicles in the church parking lot.
The service will be transmitted to their radio on FM 101.5*