



Salvador "Chuck" Valades, 94, of Sturgis, passed away peacefully at the Fort Meade VA Medical Center on Friday, December 18, 2020 with family at his side.

Chuck was born and raised in Edgemont, SD with six siblings. While still attending Edgemont High School, he was drafted into the Army to support the WWII conflict in Germany and was assigned to the 94th Infantry Division attached to the 3rd Army commanded by Gen. George Patton. During the final stages of the Battle of the Bulge he was critically injured and received the Purple Heart, Bronze Star, Combat Infantry Badge, Good Conduct Medal, Victory Medal, European Medal, and Sharp Shooter Medal. After a lengthy recovery, Chuck returned to Edgemont and attended the National School of Business in Rapid City where he met his wife, Darlene. On September 10, 1951, they married at St. James Catholic Church in Edgemont and established residences at Fort Meade and Sturgis, where they raised their family. Chuck worked in the Admissions Department at the Fort Meade Medical Center for 36 years and retired in 1988.

God, family, and country were the roots of Chuck's values: work hard, and do it right the first time, which was witnessed through his involvement in numerous church ministries and veteran advocacies. He received a number of acknowledgements, including the Meade County Veteran of the Month, the Bob Hanson Distinguished Service Award, and special recognition at the Military Appreciation Day during the Sturgis Motorcycle Rally.

Survivors include children, Vincent (Karen) of Fort Collins, CO, Dr. Tina Valades Tullberg (Ralph) of Winchester, MA, and Vance (Annie) of Colorado Springs, CO; grandchildren, Joel Valades (Carrie) of Loveland, CO, Brenna Valades Nienke (Rye) of Loveland, CO, Jeremy Valades of Loveland, CO, and Matthew Valades (Jean) of Greensboro, NC; step-grandchildren, Maggie Andrews (Jared), and Joel Anderson; four step-great-grandchildren; and numerous loving nieces and nephews.

Chuck was preceded in death by Darlene (Houdek) Valades, his wife of 63 years; parents, Catarino Valades, Sr. and Andrea (Uvalle) Valades; brothers, Catarino, Jr., Vincent, Gabriel, and Father Reuben; and sisters, Alice Gnojek and Inez Martinez.

The family sincerely appreciates the kindness and compassion the Fort Meade VA Medical Center and the Sturgis community has given Chuck. Thank you.

In lieu of flowers, the family encourages donations in Chuck's memory to any military veteran organization or to St. Martin's Chapel Fund.

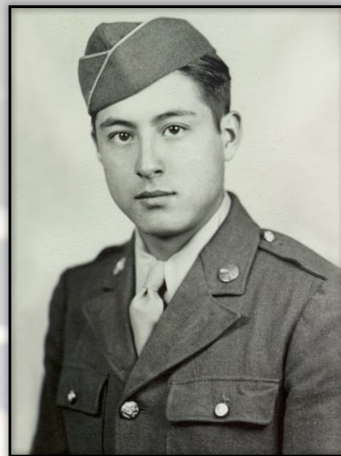
Condolences may be sent to the family at www.kinkadefunerals.com.



In Loving Memory

Salvador "Chuck" Valades

March 7, 1926 ~ December 18, 2020



In Memory Of **Salvador "Chuck" Valades**

Date of Birth

March 7, 1926
Edgemont, South Dakota

Date of Death

December 18, 2020
Fort Meade, South Dakota

Vigil

Tuesday, December 22, 2020, at 10:30 a.m.
St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Church
Sturgis, South Dakota

Mass of Christian

Tuesday, December 22, 2020, at 11:00 a.m.
St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Church

Officiating

Father Timothy Castor

Musicians

Myron Volk & Dr. Barry Furze

Musical Selections

"Here I Am" "We Remember"
"Prayer of St. Francis" "Ave Maria" "Be Not Afraid"

Pallbearers

All Chuck's Grandchildren and Nephews

Military Honors

Spearfish Veterans Honor Guard
South Dakota Army National Guard

Final Resting Place

Black Hills National Cemetery
Sturgis, South Dakota

Prayer of St. Francis

*Lord make me an instrument of Your peace.
Where there is hatred, let me sow love.
Where there is injury, pardon;
Where there is doubt, faith;
where there is darkness, light;
and where there is sadness, joy.*

*Divine Master, grant that I may not so much
seek to be consoled as to console;
to be understood, as to understand;
to be loved, as to love.
For it is in giving that we receive;
it is in pardoning that we are pardoned;
and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life.*

