

Gale Edward "Jack" Van Sickle

Gale E. Van Sickle "Jack" was born at Bixby, SD, on October 13, 1926, to Sadie (Joslin) and Roy Albert Van Sickle. Jack was the sixth child born to Sadie and Roy and there were Loyd, Aliyice, Roy Jr., twin sons, Kenneth, Calvin, Jack, twin girls, Arlene, and Darlene, who were adopted when Jack was 4 years old, by their Aunt in MN, Jack's mother Sadie died in childbirth when Jack was 4 years old and his Father, Roy, kept the family together until grown and all left the nest.

He grew up in the Opal, SD, area and graduated from Faith High School in 1945.

Jack was drafted into the Army with one of the largest drafts in Meade County in 1945 and served 18 months in the European Theater being discharged in 1946. On January 17, 1948, he married Norma Jean Palmer in Rapid City, SD. To this union 5 children were born. The first 10 years he worked in and around Faith, SD, area and then moving to Lead, SD, where he worked 6 years in the Homestake Gold Mine. He served in the National Guard's 147th Artillery Division in Deadwood, SD, and the 109th Battalion of Sturgis, after moving to Sturgis, SD. He owned and operated several gas stations and later worked at the Sturgis Hospital the Veterans Hospital at Fort Meade, SD, as an Aide and later transferred to Building Management, where he worked until health reasons forced him to retire. Later he and his wife, Jean traveled for several years back and forth until deciding to reside in Apache Junction, AZ. in 1989, later moving to Cottonwood, AZ, and he organized the Veterans VA Van where he volunteered driving the van to and from the hospitals for the Veterans in AZ.

He is a past member of the Elks Club, Moose Club the American Cancer Society, and is a lifetime member of the Sturgis VFW Club, American Legion Post 25 of Arizona and a member of the First United Methodist Church of Sturgis and Arizona also. Jack later became a member of the South Sturgis Church of Christ.

Gale Edward "Jack" Van Sickle, 93, of Sturgis died September 15, 2020, at Aspen Grove Assisted Living in Sturgis.

Jack is survived by his children, Galen Van Sickle, Aletha (Paul) Adcock, Hermosa, SD, Velta (Rich) Grosch, and Jerald "Jerry" Van Sickle, Sturgis, SD; 8 grandchildren and numerous great-grandchildren; sisters-in-law, Rose Marie (Pickles) Van Sickle, and Darlene Keffeler; and several nieces and nephews.

He is preceded in death by wife, Norma Jean Van Sickle; his parents, his brothers and sisters, and a son, Terry Ray Van Sickle.

Jack is remembered as he liked to argue and was from the old school and a man of many words.

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

We thank you for your presence and condolences.



In Loving Memory

Gale Edward "Jack" Van Sickle

October 13, 1926 ~ September 15, 2020



Miss Me – But Let Me Go

**When I come to the end of the road
And the sun has set for me,
I want no rites in a gloom-filled room
Why cry for a soul set free.**

**Miss me a little – but not for long
And not with your head bowed low
Remember the Love that we once shared
Miss Me – But let Me Go.**

**For this is a journey we all must take
And each must go alone
It's all a part of the Master's plan
And a step on the road to home.**

**When you are lonely and sick of heart
Go to the friends we know
And bury your sorrows in doing good deeds
Miss Me – But Let Me Go**

***In Memory Of
Gale Edward "Jack" Van Sickel***

Date of Birth

October 13, 1926
Bixby, South Dakota

Date of Death

September 15, 2020
Sturgis, South Dakota

Graveside Service

Tuesday, September 22, 2020, at 11:00 a.m.
Black Hills National Cemetery
Sturgis, South Dakota

Clergy

Pastor Ozzie McDaniel

Military Honors

Sturgis Veteran's Honor Guard

Final Resting Place

Black Hills National Cemetery
Sturgis, South Dakota

***Death is just a natural thing,
Like the closing of a door,
As we start upon a journey
To a new and distant shore....
So let your grief be softened
And yield not to despair -
You have only placed your loved one
In the loving Father's care.***

Helen Steiner Rice