

Ralph Eugene Short

Ralph Eugene Short Jr. was born in Faith, SD, on September 15, 1929, to Ralph and Ardeth Joy (McGinnis) Short. He grew up near Deep Creek and attended country school at Cottonwood until they moved to town (Faith) in 1942. He attended school in Faith until he decided he wanted to explore other prospects.

He served with the U.S. Army 1951-1953. While serving, he graduated from Parachute school at Fort Benning, GA, and also served as the General's personal chauffeur.

Ralph worked various jobs over the years to include the moleadnium mine in Leadville, CO, Homestake Mining Company in Lead, SD, the state department in Faith, Short Construction in Sturgis, the Vansickel ranch near Opal, Fisher Gas in Faith, and finally ended up as a star route mail carrier based in Faith beginning in 1966. After 38 years and 2 million 98 thousand miles, he retired from the mail route where he made many lifelong friends.

He married Delores Schumaker in August 1971, who had three children Jimmy, Debbie, and Donna. They had a son, Terry Allen, who was born June 18, 1972.

Ralph was President of the SD Star Route Association and a state delegate for the National conventions numerous terms. In addition to delivering mail, he earned a reputation as the go-to-guy for repairs on air conditioners, appliances, and cars (among other things). He also enjoyed going to the state auctions and brought home many cars with his maximum "car lot" reaching 15.

Surviving are Jim (Winnie) Storm of Fruita, CO, Deb Storm (Steve Larson) of Atlanta, GA, and Donna (Theran) Wicks of Longmont, CO; eight grandchildren, Katie (Kevin) Lemas of Arvada, CO, and Cole Storm of Elko, NV, Kim & Tyler Soenksen, Krista (Fabien) Garcia of Atlanta, GA, and Adam Larson of San Antonio, TX, Jace Wicks of Lincoln, NE, and Brenna Wicks of Longmont, CO; one great-grandchild, Frank Lemas of Arvada, CO; one brother, Dave (Sherryl) Short of Winston, OR; three sisters, Hazel Vansickel of Sturgis, Mary (Jack) Roth of Fort Morgan, CO, and Tense (Booge) Lemmel of Sturgis; one sister-in-law, Dorothy Short of Sturgis; and numerous nieces, nephews, and cousins.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Delores; his son, Terry; one brother, Robert; one brother-in-law, Charles Vansickel; and his mother & father.

A memorial has been established to Hospice of the Northern Hills.

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

In Loving Memory



Ralph Eugene Short

1929 ~ 2014

*The family invites you to join them for fellowship and lunch
at the Sturgis Vet's Club following the committal service.
We thank you for your presence and condolences.*



Farewell Prayer

*"Thank you Lord for seeing how
Weary I am, and letting me rest.
The pain is gone; the peace is beautiful,
Your love surrounds me.*

*I have fought the good fight (I think)
and some how now at this stage,
no matter what the outcome,
I feel I have won."*

My homily - - 'For everything there is a season.'

*"I want my family to move on with
their lives, and realize everything is
for a reason. Have no regrets.
Everybody did everything they could.
I love you all and will still be with you."*

In Loving Memory Of Ralph Eugene Short

Born

September 15, 1929
Faith, South Dakota

Died

February 9, 2014
Sturgis, South Dakota

Funeral Service

Friday, February 14, 2014 at 10:00 a.m.
Kinkade Funeral Chapel

Officiating ~ Mr. Leonard Licking

Funeral Service

Friday, February 14, 2014 at 2:00 p.m.
First Presbyterian Church

Officiating ~ Rev. Denzel Nonhof

Accompanist

Marlene Kotab

Singers

Joni Hunt ~ Jim Hunt

Musical Selections

"One Day At A Time"

"Amazing Grace"

"Angels Among Us"

"Green, Green Grass Of Home"

Pallbearers

Jace Wicks ~ Tyler Soenksen ~ Cole Storm ~ Tammy Lemmel
Duane Short ~ Cody Roth ~ Chuck Vansickel

Interment

Bear Butte Cemetery