

Marvin Dale Keffeler

Marvin D. Keffeler was born November 18, 1925, in Sturgis, SD, to George and Georgeanna (Anderson) Keffeler. He grew up in and around the Sturgis and Hereford area where he attended school and later worked for various area ranchers.

In 1945, Marvin entered the US Army and was a Sergeant in the 15th Calvary Reconnaissance Squadron in Europe. He was honorably discharged in 1946. Upon returning home, he resumed ranch work.

Marvin married Jean Hudson on March 8, 1949, and together they raised three children. They moved to Whitewood in 1958 where they have resided since.

He worked as a psych aide at the VA Hospital at Ft. Meade, at the Whitewood Post & Pole, and at the time of his retirement, was loading foreman at Livestock Energy Systems in Whitewood.

Marvin was a 21-year veteran of the Whitewood Volunteer Fire Department, a Life Member of the Western South Dakota Buckaroos, and an active member of the Head and Heels Roping Club for many years.

Horses were always an important part of Marvin's life. He liked to ride a good horse and he loved to rope. He also enjoyed a good game of pinochle!

Marvin, 86, Whitewood, died Saturday, March 24, 2012, at the VA Black Hills Health Care Center at Fort Meade.

Survivors include his wife of 63 years, Jean of Whitewood; sons, Doug (Nikki) Keffeler of Watertown, SD, Brian (Debbie) Keffeler of Whitewood; daughter, Sheryl (Emmitt) Pittman of Whitewood; three grandchildren; six great-grandchildren; sisters, Evelyn Dingeman of Spearfish, and Phyllis (Stanley) Miner of Rapid City; and brother-in-law, Gene Schomer of South Port, FL.

He was preceded in death by his parents and three sisters, Marlys, Carol, and Beverly.

A memorial has been established.

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



In Loving Memory Of

Marvin Keffeler

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*The family invites everyone to a time of fellowship and lunch
in the church hall immediately following the memorial service.
We thank you for your presence and condolences.*



A Father's Farewell to His Children

*When I must leave you for a little while,
Please do not grieve and shed wild tears,
And hug your sorrow to you through the years,
But start out bravely with a gallant smile:
And for my sake and in my name
Live on and do all things the same,
Feed not your loneliness on empty days,
But fill each waking hour in useful ways,
Reach out your hand in comfort and in cheer
And I in turn will comfort you and hold you near;
And never, never be afraid to die,
For I am waiting for you in the sky!*

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Born

November 18, 1925
Sturgis, South Dakota

Died

March 24, 2012
Fort Meade, South Dakota

Memorial Service

Thursday, March 29, 2012, at 1:00 p.m.
First Presbyterian Church
Whitewood, South Dakota

Officiating

Pastor Steve Agan
Pastor Harold Delbridge
Pastor Skip Smith

Accompanist

Marian Eatherton

Soloist

Chris Kaitfors

Musical Selections

"Home Where I Belong"
"On Eagle's Wings"

Inurnment

Private Family Service
Black Hills National Cemetery
Sturgis, South Dakota