

Henry "Hank" Reitz



Henry "Hank" Reitz, 92, of Spearfish, died May 15, 2015, at David M. Dorsett Health Care in Spearfish.

Henry was born October 17, 1922, in Minatare, NE. He started school in Idaho, but when still young, the family moved to Vale, SD, where he continued his education, later graduating from Belle Fourche High School.

Henry joined the U.S. Army in 1942, serving during WW II and Korea where he received a Purple Heart. Henry reenlisted after the war, continuing to serve for over 23 years, retiring as a Master Sergeant in March of 1966. He was stationed in the Phillipines, Japan, New Guinea, Austria, Korea, Germany, Ft. Knox, Kentucky, the Presidio in San Francisco, and Ft. Ord, CA.

After his retirement, Henry lived in California where he worked as a prison guard. In his off time, he enjoyed fishing, hunting, and watching sporting events.

On the 18th of May, 1985, Henry married Dorothy Lungren in Sturgis, SD, making their home for several years in Watsonville, CA. They moved to Spearfish in 1988 where they enjoyed their retirement.

Henry will be deeply missed by his step-children, Cindy (Alan) Merkel and Scott (Barbara) Lungren of Spearfish, Peggy (Greg) Calvert of WV, and Ford Lungren of OK; six grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; and other extended family and friends.

Henry was preceded in death by his wife, Dorothy, and eight brothers and sisters.

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

In Loving Memory Of



Henry "Hank" Reitz

1922 ~ 2015



The Bend in the Road

When we feel we have nothing left to give
And we are sure that the "Song has ended" - -
When our day seems over and the shadows fall
And the darkness of night has descended,

Where can we go to find the strength
To valiantly keep on trying,
Where can we find the hand that will dry
The tears that the heart is crying- -

There's but one place to go and that is to God
And, dropping all pretense and pride,
We can pour our problems without restraint
And gain strength with Him at our side—

And together we stand at life's crossroads
And view what we think is the end,
But God has a much bigger vision
And He tells us it's only a bend - -

For the road goes on and is smoother,
And the "pause in the song" is a "rest,"
And the part that's unsung and unfinished
Is the sweetest and richest and best - -

So rest and relax and grow stronger,
Let go and let God share your load,
Your work is not finished or ended,
You've just come to "a bend in the road."

Helen Steiner Rice

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Born

October 17, 1922
Minatare, Nebraska

Died

May 15, 2015
Spearfish, South Dakota

Graveside Service

Friday, May 22, 2015 at 12:00 p.m.
Black Hills National Cemetery

Officiant

Pastor Gordon Higgins

Pallbearers

Alan Merkel ~ Ford Lungren ~ Kelly Lungren
Christine Lungren ~ Greg Strong

Military Honors

Sturgis Veteran's Honor Guard
South Dakota National Guard

Memorial Service

Friday, May 22, 2015 at 2:00 p.m.
United Church of Christ
Spearfish, South Dakota

Musicians

Kathy & John Daum

Musical Selections

"His Eye Is On The Sparrow" "What A Covenant"
"Shall We Gather At The River"
"Precious Lord, Take My Hand"

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