

## **Theodore Charles Mahaffy**

Theodore Charles "Teddy" Mahaffy was born September 4, 1934, in Rapid City, SD, to Theodore E. and Marie (Foote) Mahaffy. He grew up on the family ranch near Marcus, SD, on Sulphur Creek. He attended local country schools.

He married the love of his life, Ann Ingalls, on December 1, 1956, and together they raised six children. They ranched for 60 years. Along the way, he worked construction jobs, drove gravel trucks, and hauled sugar beets. He moved to Sturgis in

1998 where he worked in maintenance, until he retired due to health reasons. In 2012, they moved to the Newell area to his son's ranch, back in the country again where he loved to be. He enjoyed fishing with family and friends, shooting prairie dogs, and spending time in his side by side enjoying the outdoors.

Teddy was a member of the Sturgis Church of Christ.

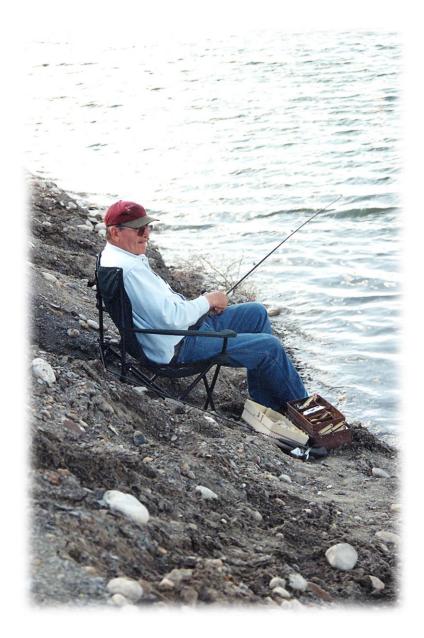
Teddy, 82, was surrounded by his family when he went to be with the Lord on Monday, May 15, 2017. He loved to laugh and make you laugh with his quick wit and teasing nature.

Blessed to share his life are his wife of 60 years, Ann; his six children, D'Anna (LaVern) Fischer and Yvonne (Bob) Barry, both of Sturgis, Ronnie (Vonda) Mahaffy and Lonnie (Melissa) Mahaffy, both near Newell, and Dean (Sierra) Mahaffy and Dale (Amanda) Mahaffy, both near Sturgis; brother, Terry (Valerie) Mahaffy of Nemo; sisters, Kathy (Arnold) Williams of Baker City, OR, and Inez (Butch) Jibben of Nemo; sister-in-law, Nadene Mahaffy; 22 grandchildren; and 14 great-grandchildren. He is also survived by many, many, many George's.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Theodore and Marie Mahaffy; one brother, Duane Mahaffy; and one granddaughter, Anna Westberg.

A memorial has been established to the Meade County 4-H Building Fund.

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



In Loving Memory Of
Theodore Charles Mahaffy

1934 ~ 2017





#### This Man

This man that we all love so much,
Is now gone from our sight,
But just like all the fish he's caught,
He's sure put up a fight.

But oh the many stories, We all have in our minds,

You know...the ones that make you laugh?
This man was one of a kind.

He loved to joke and tease, And George was everyone's name, And I hear that in his younger years, Running fast, was his game.

> If ever there was a coyote, Or fox to be had, He'd put you right on 'em, Riding shotgun with dad.

This man has taught us all so much, Like how to make life fun, But what he's taught us, most important, Is how the race is won.

-Sierra Mahaffy

# Theodore Charles "Teddy" Mahaffy

#### Born

September 4, 1934 Rapid City, South Dakota

#### Died

May 15, 2017 Sturgis, South Dakota

#### Funeral Service

Tuesday, May 23, 2017, at 2:00 p.m. LifeSpring Wesleyan Church Sturgis, South Dakota

## **Officiants**

Pastor Harold Delbridge Minister Ozzy McDaniel

## **Musical Selections**

"My Old Man"

"Don't Fence Me In" ~ Sung by Vonda Mahaffy
"The Old Rugged Cross" ~ Congregational Hymn ~ Led by Jeff Manley
"If Tomorrow Never Comes" ~ Sung by Kyla Mahaffy

## **Pallbearers**

Bill Ginter ~ Jim Collins ~ Ross Kaiser ~ John Cammack Calvin Cammack ~ Neuly Mahaffy ~ Bailey Mahaffy Zach Westberg ~ William Mahaffy Kydn Mahaffy ~ Kylr Mahaffy ~ Landyn Mahaffy

## Honorary Pallbearers

All Grandchildren

#### Interment

Bear Butte Cemetery Sturgis, South Dakota