

Willard Leon Crowley, son of Elmer & Pauline Crowley was born on May 20, 1948 in Great Bend, Kansas. He spent his childhood life growing up with his brothers and sister in Dighton, Kansas. He graduated from Dighton High School in 1966. He was drafted into the U.S. Army on April 10th, 1968 to serve his country in the Vietnam War. Leon proudly served until January 19th, 1970 when he was granted early leave to attend college. He attended college during the next 4 years at Sterling College, Colby Community College, and Fort Hayes State College.

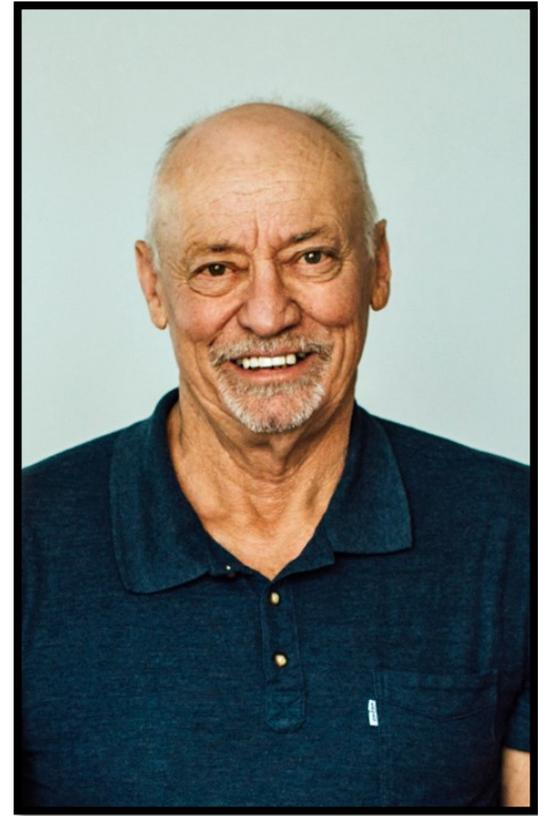
Leon later founded his painting contracting business in Lander, Wyoming. There he would marry Katrina Asmundson to which Jay and Brynja were born. He later resided in Riverton, Wyoming where he would marry his late wife Brenda Jay on November, 15th, 1991. A few years later they would move to Mobridge, SD where Leon continued his painting contracting business and he would later become a Licensed Insurance Adjuster. As an Insurance Adjuster he would travel all over the state of SD to perform inspections and would do so until he retired a few years ago.

He was an avid story teller and would captivate the room with his various adventures. Leon very much enjoyed talking about his family and was very proud to do so. There wasn't anything he couldn't fix or attempt to fix since he was a jack of all trades. Along with liking to fix anything and everything he also enjoyed going to auctions to find good deals on various items as a hobby.

Leon was preceded in death by his father Elmer, mother Pauline, wife Brenda, brother Ellsworth, and brother Kim.

He is survived by his son Jay (Casey) Crowley, daughter Brynja (Jason) McLachlan, brother Gary Crowley, sister Doris Iarossi, and grandchildren Kirra, Chase, Teagan, Blake, and Kade.

In Loving Memory of:



Willard Leon Crowley

May 20, 1948 ~ February 13, 2021



Irish Blessing

*May the road rise to meet you,
May the wind be always at your back.
May the sun shine warm upon your face,
The rains fall soft upon your fields.
And until we meet again,
May God hold you in the palm of his hand.*

*May God be with you and bless you;
May you see your children's children.
May you be poor in misfortune,
Rich in blessings,
May you know nothing but happiness
From this day forward.*

*May the road rise to meet you
May the wind be always at your back
May the warm rays of sun fall upon your home
And may the hand of a friend always be near.*

*May green be the grass you walk on,
May blue be the skies above you,*

*May pure be
surround you,
May true be
love you.*



*the joys that
the hearts that*

IN LOVING MEMORY OF:

Willard Leon Crowley

72 Years ~ 8 Months ~ 24 Days

BORN:

May 20, 1948

Great Bend, Kansas

PASSED AWAY:

February 13, 2021

Mobridge, South Dakota

GRAVESIDE SERVICES:

*11:00 AM, Friday, April 9, 2021
North Dakota Veterans Cemetery
Mandan, North Dakota*

CLERGY:

Pastor Lester Wolfgram

MILITARY HONORS:

*Mandan VFW Post #707
American Legion Post #40*