



In Loving Memory of
Ronald Dean Wright
May 4, 1946 ~ December 18, 2020

Funeral Services

*St. Mary's Catholic Church
Lower Brule, SD
11:00 a.m., Tuesday, December 22, 2020*

Officiating

*Father Mark Mastin, SCJ
Father Christianus Hendrik, SCJ
Deacon Steve McLaughlin*

Casketbearers

*His best friend Ben "Bugsy" Thompson
Ronnie Pourier
Charlie LaRoche
Shawn LaRoche
Eugene Giago Jr.
Robert Traversie, Sr.*

Honorary Bearers

*All of his nieces & nephews,
grandchildren & great grandchildren*

Military Rites By

*S.D. Army National Guard, Rapid City, SD
Spearfish Veterans Honor Guard*

Interment

*Black Hills National Cemetery
Sturgis, SD
11:30 a.m. (MT), Wednesday, December 23, 2020*

Arrangements By: Hickey Funeral Home, Chamberlain, SD

What is dying? I am standing on the seashore. A ship sails to the morning breeze and starts for the ocean. She is an object of beauty and I stand watching her till at last she fades on the horizon, and someone at my side says. "She is gone." Gone where? Gone from my sight, that is all; she is just as large in mast and hull and spar as she was when I saw her, and just as able to bear her load of living freight to its destination.

The diminished size and total loss of sight is in me, not in her; and just at the moment when someone at my side says, "She is gone," there are others who are watching her coming and other voices take up the glad shout, "There she comes!" – and that is dying.

Ronald Dean Wright was born on May 4, 1946 in Dayton, Washington to Albert Wilson Wright and Amy Sutton. After graduating from Rapid City Central High School in 1965, he was drafted into the Army and served in the 8th Division. Ron served with distinction and was honorably discharged in 1968. After the Army, Ron attended Bacone Junior College in Muskogee, Oklahoma and graduated with an Associate's Degree.

Ron met his wife Phyllis in Lower Brule and they were married on July 11, 1974 in St. Mary's Catholic Church. He joined the Teacher Core Program out of Black Hills State University in Spearfish. Throughout his career, he worked for the Bureau of Indian Affairs, the Lower Brule Housing Authority, and finally finished his career working for St. Mary's Catholic Church in Lower Brule for more than 20 years.

Ron loved fishing, taking care of his beautiful yard, drinking a good cup of coffee, visiting with friends and family, and laughing. He was known for his unique laugh. Ron loved life and enjoying his friends, family, children, grandchildren and great grandchildren.

Ron is survived by his wife Phyllis Wright and his four children: Ernest Pourier of Kansas City, Missouri; Charles Chris LaRoche of Lower Brule, South Dakota; Dawn VanRossum of Des Moines, Iowa; and Albert Wright of Alexandria Virginia. Sisters Shirley Murphy and Charlotte Vaagen of Minot, North Dakota. Ronald is also survived by his cousin, Connie Wright-Good Shield of Rapid City, South Dakota.

Ronald Wright passed away on December 18, 2020 at the Sanford Medical Center in Sioux Falls, South Dakota due medical issues associated with cancer.

He was preceded in death by his mother and father; brother Gary Wright, sister Pat Snyder, Aunt and Uncle Evangeline and Rudy Wright and cousin Bobby Wright.