

Donald "Dan" McKillop age 90, of Gillette, WY passed away at his home in Gillette on Friday, March 6, 2026. Dan was born on January 18, 1936, in Artesian, South Dakota to Kenneth M. McKillop and Luella M (Rubendall) McKillop joining his sister, Elizabeth Ann McKillop. Dan grew up in Artesian stealing green apples from his cousins Jerry and Bill Rubendall's family tree. He may also have been involved in other mischievous activities occurring on the streets and alleys back then, including possibly running over cousin, Jerry on his bicycle with a pickup. To this day they still blame each other. Always the charmer in school, Dan was able to convince some staff to write in passing grades without doing a lot of his schoolwork and went on to graduate from Artesian High School. On June 24, 1954, Dan was united in marriage to Carol Joyce Tilbury. Six children were born to this union: Mary, Donald Jr., Joyce, Mark, Todd and Paul. Dan and Carol owned and worked a farm west of Artesian until Dan's hay fever forced him to find a new way of life. He and Carol then relocated the family to Mitchell where he began his long career in construction including purchasing shares in Dakota Redi Mix. During the slow times of 1980, Dan and his partner were able to contract work in Gillette, Wyoming. He fell in love with the Cowboy State and relocated family and businesses there permanently. Shortly thereafter, he bought out his partner and continued on. To this day, Dakota Redi Mix, known as "DRM", is a premier contracting firm working all over Wyoming and Western South Dakota. His legacy will live on through the next generations and the many long-time employees who he also considered as family. Family was one of Dan's greatest joys. He and Carol worked hard but also knew how to play, which they illustrated to their children. Throughout the years, they enjoyed numerous camping, boating, snowmobile trips and other adventures with family and friends. This has also been a quality passed down through the four generations that have followed. Survivors include his loving wife of 71 years, Carol, daughters; Mary Ackman of Mitchell SD, Joyce Johnson of Pine Haven, sons; Don (Sue) McKillop, Mark (Sandra) McKillop, both of Gillette, Todd (Tami) McKillop of Sturgis, SD and Paul (Mary) McKillop of Temecula, CA. 17 grandchildren, 32 great-grandchildren and 7 great-great-grandchildren and all his special caregivers that took such great care of him. He was preceded in death by his parents, sister, Elizabeth and brother-in-law, Pete Rabenberg, son-in-laws Bob Ackman and Jeff Johnson, great-grandson, Zion McKillop and many special furry friends. In lieu of flowers, the family asks that donations be made in Dan's honor to Rest Easy My Friend Canine Rescue and Sanctuary at 41 N Sage Hill Rd Gillette, WY 82718. Memorials and condolences may also be sent in care of Gillette Memorial Chapel 210 West 5th Street, Gillette, WY 82716. Condolences may also be expressed at www.gilletteremorialchapel.com

Your work is done here Dad, Fly high.



HONORING THE LIFE OF

DONALD "DAN"

McKILLOP

JANUARY 18, 1936

MARCH 6, 2026

Miss Me But Let Me Go

When I come to the end of the road
and the sun has set for me
I want no rites in a gloom filled room.
Why cry for a soul set free?

Miss me a little, but not for long
and not with your head bowed low.
Remember the love that once we shared,
Miss me, but let me go.

For this is a journey we all must take
and each must go alone.
It's all part of the master plan
a step on the road to home.

When you are lonely and sick at heart
go to the friends we know.
Laught at all the things we used to do
Miss me, but let me go.

by: Christina Rossetti

Mass of Christian Burial

10:00 a.m., Thursday, March 12, 2026
St. Matthew's Catholic Church
Gillette, Wyoming
Officiating: Father Steven Titus

Songs

"Fly Like A Bird"
"The Lord is My Light"
"In the Garden"
"On Eagles Wings"
"Song of Farewell"
"I'll Fly Away"
"Amazing Grace, My Chains are Gone"

Musicians

Sue McKillop | Andrea Kuhbacher | Sarah Thrailkill
Chuck Tweedy | Don Scott | Irene Knoephle
Janell Tabbert | Diane Kuhbacher

Pallbearers

Tyler McKillop | Nevada McKillop | Tristen McKillop
Bevan Evenson | Tegen McKillop | Reese Evenson
Jakob McKillop | Ashton Leegaard | Kole McKillop
Liam McKillop | Leo Ackman | Jake McKillop
Adam Franks | Ruhn Maddox | Heidon Franks

Honorary Pallbearers

Our Family

Interment

Mt. Pisgah Cemetery
Gillette, Wyoming

The family extends an invitation to a time of fellowship and
reception at the Parish Hall after burial.

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Rita Mashak | Tara Aanonson
Tara Cowger
Funeral Service-Monuments-
Advance Planning-Cremation-
Lending Library, Learning to say
goodbye; children's tour.

