

Gerold “Jerry” Schuelke

Gerold “Jerry” Schuelke, 86, of Hill City, SD, died January 5, 2022, at West Hills Village in Rapid City, SD.

Gerold (Jerry) Leroy Schuelke was born on December 27, 1935. He was the youngest of 13 children born to Albert and Elizabeth (Peregrine) Schuelke at Mud Butte, SD. Jerry attended the rural school in the Mud Butte area until his father passed away, when they moved to Sturgis where he finished school.

On April 5, 1955, Jerry entered the Army, and was stationed at Camp Chaffee, Arkansas. He also spent a year in Germany before being honorably discharged in 1957.

Jerry met and fell in love with his “other half” Lou Wyant in 1958. They had 7 children: Sheila, Debbie, Deana, Dale (Gerold), Rocky, Shelly and Ricky. They spent 45 years together and were committed to raising their family. Many good memories were made around their table with their family.

Jerry was a hard worker, and good provider. He worked several ranch jobs in the Mud Butte area before moving the family to the Black Hills, near Deerfield Lake in 1971. Jerry started a trucking and backhoe business which he continued to do until his retirement in 2012. He still dabbled in ranching, in the early years living in the hills. He worked in the woods cutting timber in the winter months. He and Lou spent many hours working to clean the property of old buildings and put in a campground, called the Lazy S Campground, which he closed following the death of Lou in 2003. Jerry taught his children important values, of honesty, respect, how to work together, and to help others.

Jerry enjoyed playing cards with family and friends. He team roped in the early years when time allowed. He was an avid reader, and enjoyed watching professional basketball and football on TV. He and Lou began playing cribbage after the children left home. He was always up for a cribbage game, and played with his children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren until shortly before his death. Family was very important to him. He will be remembered for that twinkle in his eye, his gentle smile and good sense of humor.

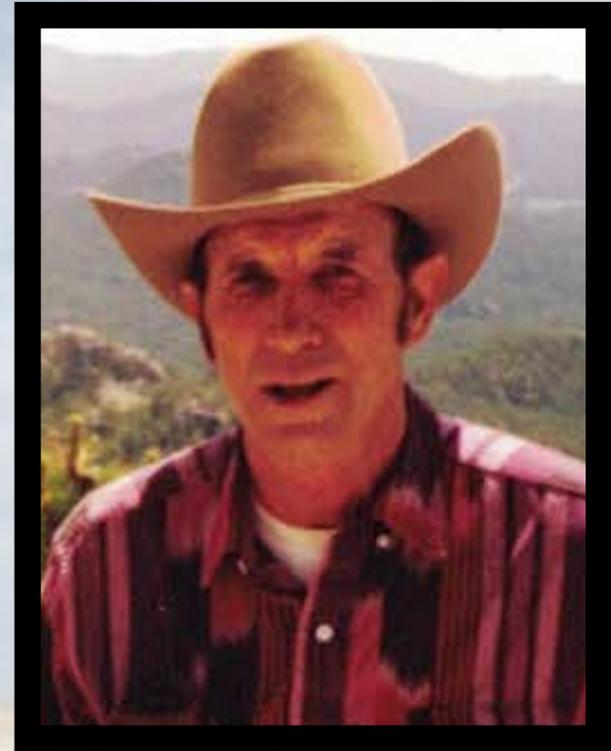
Jerry is survived by his children, Sheila (Leon) Gillespie, Debbie (Shaun) McVey, Dale (Deanne) Schuelke, Rocky Schuelke, Rick (Cheri) Schuelke; and son in law, Rob Hunsaker; 20 grandchildren, Shane (Kendra), Kara (Bobby), Molly (Nick), Kade, Ashley (Steve), Stephanie (Tony), Ryan (Shawna), Jason (Loretta), Justin (Kim), Lexi, Madi, Tiffany, Tyler, Jesse, Lindsey (Matt), Ethan, Seth, Kaylee, Carson and Arik; 33 great-grandchildren; 5 great-great-grandchildren; sister, McGee Vansickle; sister-in-law, Karen Wyant; and many nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Albert and Elizabeth Schuelke; his wife, Lou; daughters, Deana Hunsaker, and Shelly Schuelke; one son-in-law; five brothers and their wives; six sisters and their husbands; four brothers-in-law; and a sister-in-law.

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

The family invites you to join them for fellowship and lunch, immediately following the funeral service. We thank you for your presence and condolences.

In Loving Memory Of



Gerold “Jerry” Leroy Schuelke
December 27, 1935 ~ January 5, 2022

I'm Free

Don't grieve for me, for now I'm free
I'm following the path God has laid you see.
I took His hand when I heard His call
I turned my back and left it all.

I could not stay another day
To laugh, to love, to work or play.
Tasks left undone must stay that way
I found the peace at the close of day.



If my parting has left a void
Then fill it with remembered joys --
A friendship shared, a laugh, a kiss
Oh yes, these things I too will miss.

Be not burdened with times of sorrow.
I wish you the sunshine of tomorrow.
My life's been full, I savored much,
Good friends, good times, a loved one's touch.

Perhaps my time seemed all too brief --
Don't lengthen it now with undue grief.
Lift up your hearts, and peace to thee --
God wanted me now: He set me free.

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Born

December 27, 1935
Mud Butte, South Dakota

Died

January 5, 2022
Rapid City, South Dakota

Funeral Services

Wednesday, January 12, 2022, 10:30 a.m.
First Presbyterian Church
Sturgis, South Dakota

Officiants

Pastor Harold Delbridge
Pastor Paul Henschen

Musicians

Butch Samuelson
Danny Chapman

Special Music

"The Old Rugged Cross" "Green, Green, Grass"
"Go Rest High On That Mountain"

Pallbearers

Shane Alexander Kade McVey Ryan Torres
Jason Schuelke Justin Schuelke Tyler Schuelke
Ethan Schuelke Seth Schuelke Carson Schuelke
Arik Schuelke

Honorary Pallbearers

All Other Grandchildren and Their Spouses

Final Resting Place

January 12, 2022. 2:30 p.m.
Hill City Cemetery
Hill City, South Dakota