

David L. Banik was born February 23, 1949, in Mobridge, S.D., to Harry and Hilda (Olson) Banik. He attended Mobridge elementary and High school where he excelled in basketball. As a teenager he was known as ‘Dangerous Dave’ when he was at bat on home plate for the Little League Baseball team. He liked family picnics at his Uncle Joe’s farm as they always played baseball. Every time Dave got up to bat the outfielders would back way up in an effort to catch a potential home run.

After attending Northern State College, he returned to Mobridge where he began farming with his father and brother, Harry Jr. His first car was a 1969 Mach I that he purchased with the help of his brother, Harry Jr. He loved nice cars, a gentle rainfall, and a beautiful wheat or corn field.

In 1977, he married Deborah Swanson, daughter of Rev. Duane and June Swanson, and they raised two wonderful sons, Robert and Benjamin. He was the proud grandfather to four grandchildren: Benson, London, Ellee, and Mila (Ben and Lonee). Through the years, David would coach or just cheer on his sons and grandchildren in their sports and would drive from the farm to any small town in SD to watch them play sports. His advice on any subject usually came with a lighthearted laugh and a gentle pat on the back.

He and his brother bought their first piece of land for \$250.00. They farmed in three counties until they relocated to the McLaughlin area where they currently farm. His sons now farm the same farmland that their grandfather, uncle, and father farmed. He enjoyed the farming life style where love of family is second only to faith in God and friends and neighbors share one another’s joys and hardships. Although he no longer raised cattle, in the summertime you would find him baling hay in the ditches for friends who had horses or cattle to feed. Sweet corn that his family raised was some of the best. At the end of a busy harvesting day his sons would often see him drive his grain cart to the top of a hill and on his phone he would marvel at the beautiful sunset and would remind his sons how proud he was of them.

Growing up, he was grateful for the Bible verses he had learned at Trinity Lutheran Church. As an adult he recognized his need to accept Christ as his Savior and humbly surrendered his heart to Christ. Many people experienced his Good Samaritan qualities when he would stop on the highway to assist someone with a flat tire or when he allowed hunters to hunt on their fields for pheasant or deer. No body was a stranger very long but quickly became friends.

David is survived by his wife, Deborah; Sons: Robert and Benjamin; Grandchildren: Benson, London, Ellee, and Mila; Daughters-in-law: Lonee (Ben) and Charnel (Robert); Sister: Carolyn (Wesphal); Brother-in-law: Wes Wesphal; Brothers: Douglas, Harry Jr. (Boots), and Greg; Nieces: Michele (Bob) Almond (son Jay), Gentry (James) Croshaw, Paige (Chris) Brown; Destiny Banik; Nephews: Mike Cassidy, Mark Cassidy, and Rod Cassidy; and Aunts, Uncles, and cousins.

He was preceded in death by his grandparents, parents and his premie son, Jamie Matthew.

In Loving Memory of:



David Lee Banik

February 23, 1949 ~ February 13, 2022



IN LOVING MEMORY OF:
David Lee Banik

72 Years ~ 11 Months ~ 21 Days

BORN:
February 23, 1949
Mobridge, South Dakota

PASSED AWAY:
February 13, 2022
Rapid City, South Dakota

The Twenty-Third Psalm

*The Lord is my Shepherd; I shall not want.
He maketh me to lie down in green pastures:
He leadeth me beside the still waters:
He restoreth my soul; He leadeth me in the
paths of righteousness
for his name's sake...
Yea, though I walk through the valley of the
shadow of death, I will fear no evil:
For Thou art with me; Thy rod and Thy staff
they comfort me. Thou preparest a table
before me in the presence of mine enemies;
Thou annointest my head with oil;
my cup runneth over...
Surely goodness and mercy
shall follow me all the days of my life:
And I will dwell in the house
of the Lord forever...*



FUNERAL SERVICES:

2:00 PM, Friday, February 18, 2022
Family Worship Center
Mobridge, South Dakota

CLERGY:

Pastor Paul Hathaway

EULOGISTS:

Dawn Ulmer & Robert Banik

CONGREGATIONAL MUSIC:

Led by Diana Thompson & Dawn Ulmer
"Near To The Heart Of God"

SPECIAL RECORDING:

"Goin Home"

USHERS:

Justin Thompson ~ Roy Thompson

CASKETBEARERS:

Robert Banik ~ Ben Banik ~ Jerry Lind
Kent Pearson ~ Mike Cassidy ~ Wes Wesphal

HONORARY BEARER:

Jay Almond

BURIAL:

Greenwood Cemetery
Mobridge, South Dakota

Arrangements Entrusted to Kesling Funeral Home.