

Wade Albert Sheeder

Wade was born in Dee, OR, on December 26, 1936, to Robert and Edith (Mailloux) Sheeder.

Wade spent his growing up years in Sturgis. He was 16 when he joined the U.S. Air Force and spent the next 20 years flying and working on large plane engines in many different states where he was stationed over the years. During the Vietnam War he served by flying missions in and out of Vietnam, dropping supplies and bringing home fallen soldiers. Wade was very proud of his service to his country and never lost his desire to fly.

When Wade retired from the military and returned home to Sturgis with his wife, Karla and their five children, he began carpentry school and worked fulltime at the VA hospital. Wade was military through and through and that's the way he conducted himself as a father – not always easy to please or understand, but always honorable in doing what he thought was best at the time. He finished raising all of his children on his own, from the ages of 2 to 16, three of them being teenage GIRLS. He remarried and adopted another young son who he raised as his own. His children are grateful for his perseverance in sticking it out with each one of us as it was not an easy task to be both mom and dad to teenagers and toddlers.

Wade had many hobbies in his lifetime which included camping, fishing, hunting, archery, silhouette target shooting, sailing, skiing, golfing, bowling, and dart leagues. He loved hobby trains, running his own gun shop, ATV's, and motorcycle riding. He taught himself to fly small engine planes and soloed many places on his own as well as taking anyone up who was brave enough to fly with him. His final activities involved camping and traveling in his RV until he began having health issues. Whatever Wade set out to learn and do he did it. He wasn't a quitter because his stubbornness never let him be one. A lot of great memories were made and funny stories about his many escapades will continue to be shared by those of us who experienced them or heard of them. Wade was diagnosed with Alzheimer's and spent his last few years trying to maintain some independence while battling this progressive, soul consuming disease. In the end, he succumbed and it was heart wrenching to be a witness to the battle. He is at peace now. We hope in time, we will also find peace with it.

Wade Albert Sheeder, 83, of Sturgis, passed away on Monday, June 1, 2020, in hospice care at Spearfish Canyon Health Care Center.

Wade is survived by his sister, Louise; his children, Corinne, Vince (Jackie), Lesa, Brett (Linda), Monica, and Trent; along with 13 grandchildren, 10 great-grandchildren, one great-great-grandchild, and numerous nieces, and nephews.

He was preceded in death by one brother; and both of his parents.

Condolences can be sent to www.kinkadefunerals.com.

DAD

DAD IS JUST A LITTLE WORD THAT WE HAVE ALWAYS USED
BUT IT TAKES A BIGGER MAN, TO FILL A FATHER'S SHOES.
IT TAKES A LOT OF HEART AND SOUL, IT TAKES A LIFE I KNOW
SOMETIMES IT TAKES SO MANY THINGS, THAT NEVER EVEN SHOW.
YOUR LOVE AND YOUR PROTECTION IS THE SHIELD AROUND OUR HEARTS
IT LETS US KNOW THAT YOU ARE HERE WHEN WE ARE ALL APART.
WE THANK YOU DAD FOR BEING BIG, EVEN THOUGH THE WORD IS SMALL
A BETTER MAN WE COULDN'T FIND TO FILL THE JOB AT ALL.

LOVE FROM YOUR KIDS

We thank you for your presence and condolences.



In Loving Memory

Wade Albert Sheeder

December 26, 1936 ~ June 1, 2020

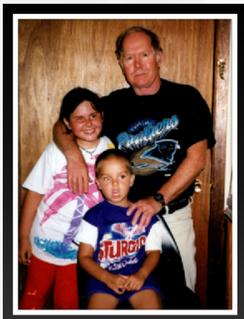


To My Children,

*Tonight I'll lay me down to sleep
And hope my heart is yours to keep.
I ask that you forgive this man
For the days I didn't hold your hand.
The essence of who I wished to be
Is what I ask you keep of me.*

*The good things that we got to share
Are what you have to show I cared.
Let my mistakes not linger on
I knew the times that I was wrong.
Yes, I was tough and I'll say it now...
It was the only way that I knew how.
My children please remember me,
I'm proud you are my legacy.*

Love, Dad



In Memory Of Wade Albert Sheeder

Date of Birth

December 26, 1936
Dee, Oregon

Date of Death

June 1, 2020
Spearfish, South Dakota

Service

Friday, June 5, 2020, at 1:00 p.m.
Kinkade Funeral Chapel
Sturgis, South Dakota

Clergy

Pastor John Tesnow

Songs

"Ain't No Grave" "When the Roll Is Called Up Yonder"
"The Old Rugged Cross"

Pallbearers

Brett Sheeder ~ Vince Sheeder ~ Trent Sheeder
Judd Crowser ~ Chuck Jones ~ Jason Schumer

Honorary Pallbearers

Dustin Bush ~ Chandler Sheeder

Military Honors

Ellsworth Air Force Base Honor Guard
Ellsworth, South Dakota

Final Resting Place

Black Hills National Cemetery
Sturgis, South Dakota