

## Shane Richard Vansickel

On Monday, August 22, 2022, Shane Richard Vansickel, passed away tragically and went home to be with the Lord; whom he loved with all of his heart.

Shane was born in Sturgis, SD, on October 6, 1970, to Beverly "Bev" (Sternad) and Billy "Bill" Vansickel. He attended schools in Moorcroft, WY, Faith, and Sturgis, SD. He has lived in Spearfish for the past 20 years, but the Opal ranch was where he felt most at home. He was a man of many talents, installing seamless gutters, painting facilities, and working as a maintenance man. Although, his greatest joy at work was being a ranch hand. Shane loved spending time with friends and family, especially his daughters. He enjoyed being outdoors taking care of his cats, working in his yard, growing vegetables, and creating projects. He could fix anything with nothing and had a solution for everything! He was always there for anyone who needed a helping hand or advice, good or bad.

Shane's daughters, Brittney, and Jessica, brought a love into his life like he had never known. They were his joy and the light of his life. He held a great pride in them and for all they had become.

Shane suffered a severe stroke in April 2017, that left him with expressive aphasia and was unable to communicate like before. In spite of his challenges, he wore the biggest smile and made the best of his situation. His energy was infectious and made everybody feel included with his laughter and shenanigans.

Even though Shane left the world too soon, he has instilled love and sincerity in the hearts of all who have known him. His tireless love and devotion to his family were evident throughout his life, and he will always be remembered.

Shane is survived by his daughters, Brittney (Nathan) Christopherson of Billings, MT, and Jessica Vansickel (fiancé Shad Green) of Rapid City, SD; mother, Beverly "Bev" Christoffersen of Sturgis, SD; grandmother, Margaret "McGee" Vansickel, Spearfish, SD; sister, Dr. Deanna (Daniel) Vansickel-Staudt of Plattsmouth, NE; and brothers, Billy Vansickel (Emily Wang) of Piedmont, SD, and Bret Vansickel of Atkin, MN; grandchildren, Akira, Carson, Ashlynn, and Kashton; and step granddaughter Danielle; step-brother in law, Scott (Becky) Christoffersen; nieces, and nephews: Mikala, Kayla, Colt, Noah, Shanell, Madalyn; and step-nieces, Heather, Brandi; and step-nephew, William.

Shane was preceded in death by his great grandparents, Oscar (Juanita) Vansickel; grandfather, Norman Vansickel; father, Bill Vansickel; sister, Shawna Vansickel-Vaughn; nephew, Billy Lynn Vansickel; stepfather, Warren "Sonny" Christoffersen; and aunt, Brenda Price.

Condolences may be sent to the family at [www.kinkadefunerals.com](http://www.kinkadefunerals.com).

*The family would like to invite you to join them for fellowship  
and lunch following the service in the church hall.  
We thank you for your presence and condolences.*



*In Loving Memory Of*

**Shane Richard Vansickel**  
**October 6, 1970 ~ August 22, 2022**

## ***The Final Flight***

*Don't grieve for me, for now I'm free,  
I'm following the path God laid for me.  
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 that peace at the end of the day.  
If my parting has left a void,  
Then fill it with remembered joys.  
A friendship shared, a laugh, a kiss,  
Ah 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' touch.  
Perhaps my time seemed all too brief,  
Don't lengthen it now with undue grief.  
Lift up your heart and share with me,  
God wanted me Now, He set me free.*

## ***In Loving Memory Of Shane Richard Vansickel***

### ***Born***

October 6, 1970  
Sturgis, South Dakota

### ***Died***

August 22, 2022  
Spearfish, South Dakota

### ***Funeral Service***

Monday, August 29, 2022, 11:30 a.m.  
Sturgis United Methodist Church  
Sturgis, South Dakota

### ***Officiant***

Pastor Harold Delbridge

### ***Musicians***

Danny Chapman Danilee Pudwill

### ***Musical Selections***

“Something Beautiful” “On Eagle’s Wings”  
“I’ll Fly Away”

### ***Pallbearers***

Dustin Dennis Corky Heidler Donnie Clark  
Kolt Vansickel Jerry Troutman Mike Preheim

### ***Final Resting Place***

Vansickel Cemetery  
Opal, South Dakota