

Lyle O'Neil Sainsbury was born on July 1, 1946, in Reno, NV to Marjorie and Farris "O'Neil" Sainsbury. Following close behind was his brother Don, a year later. The Sainsbury's moved around a lot because O'Neil was a salesman. They lived in various places like Great Falls, MT, Holbrook, AZ, Phoenix, AZ, and then settled in Las Vegas, NV. Don's favorite memory of his brother is fishing with their dad at Horseshoe Dam outside of Phoenix. They would catch big bass, bring them home and cook them up for dinner. The family got a colored television when Lyle was 11 and he was able to watch cartoons and the Dodgers. His love of sports started early, playing baseball after school and football and wrestling in high school. Lyle spent much of his childhood and teenage years in Phoenix and his junior year was spent in Las Vegas, skipping his senior year to join the US Air Force. It was during this time that he met the love of his life, Sandra Bernice Baier. The couple was married on July 23, 1966, at Stewart Air Force Base in Newburg, NY. In 1969, they moved back to Camp Crook and raised their two daughters, Nancy and Michelle. After moving to Camp Crook, Lyle and Sandi purchased the Corner Bar and operated it off and on for the next 36 years. Lyle also worked for Koch Exploration, MDU and later the Harding County School running the kitchen and a catering business with Nancy. "Papa", as he was known to many Harding County kids, loved to cook for everyone, especially at the school. Nothing made him happier than getting to visit with students and staff while he was serving them lunch! Throughout his years in Camp Crook, Lyle played on the Harding County/Carter County Softball team as well as the Family Softball team, winning several tournaments throughout the years. He was also an avid bowler, spent a lot of time fishing with friends and family, and he loved to golf. Beginning in 1989, Lyle and Sandi took over raising their oldest grandson, Forest, and would soon spend their time traveling to every sporting event he was active in and be his biggest fans. He was a fan of the Steelers, the Dodgers, whatever team his grandkids were playing for or coaching for, and above all the Harding County Ranchers. He was active in his community, serving on the Harding County Fair board for over 25 years, a lifetime member of Camp Crook Roping Club, the Harding County Booster Club, and he was instrumental in establishing the sewer system through Camp Crook. Lyle will be remembered for always having a positive outlook on life, giving the biggest hugs, looking forward to family gatherings, and

never missing a chance to watch his loved ones compete in sports. He loved his family deeply and cherished being "Papa." Lyle is survived by his wife Sandi of (59 years); daughters, Nancy (Wayne) Johnson, Michelle (BJ) Padden, both of Buffalo, SD; grandchildren, Forest (Lindsey) Sainsbury of Belle Fourche, SD, Devan (Darnell) Douglas of Dickinson, Steven (Nicole) Koch of Albuquerque, NM, Clayton (Breann) Koch of Spearfish, SD, Brayden, Kamry & Kalla Padden, Buffalo, SD; great-grandchildren Sloan, Seger, Siena, Syler, Dracen, Dylan; brother, Don (Patti) Sainsbury of Belle Fourche, SD; siblings-in-law, Shirley Fusilier, Buchanan Dam, TX, Rita Baier, Spearfish SD, Charlene (Ron) Rosencranz of Hammond, MT, Judy Reising, of Batavia OH, Mark (Jill) Baier of Spearfish, SD, Kay Baier of Buffalo, SD. He was preceded in death by his parents, Marjorie and Farris O'Neil Sainsbury; Father-in-law and mother-in-law Darrell (Lanky) and Carolyn (Sandy) Rayman.

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July 1, 1946 - November 3, 2025



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FUNERAL SERVICE:

Friday, November 7, 2025 11:00 am
Camp Crook Community Center
Camp Crook, South Dakota

OFFICIATING:

Billy Clanton & Tom Martin

MUSIC:

Shawn (Bronc) Hight

PALLBEARERS:

Forest Sainsbury	Clayton Koch
Steven Koch	Shane Odell
Wayne Johnson	BJ Padden
Darnell Douglas	Dracen Douglas
Seger Sainsbury	

INTERMENT:

Fairview Cemetery
Camp Crook, South Dakota
Prayer - Kelly Messmer

ARRANGEMENTS BY:

Stevenson Funeral Home
Baker, Montana

*Lunch will be served at the
Camp Crook Community Center
following the graveside service.*

Everyone is welcome.

