



## Stanley Davis Parker

Stanley Davis Parker was born June 26, 1940, at Pierre, SD, to William Fay Parker and Winnifred (Puryear) Parker. His parents owned a grocery store and gas station near the Hwy 63 Cheyenne River Crossing, where he spent his childhood. In 1952, the Parkers moved to Pierre, where Stanley joined the Methodist Church and worked a variety of summer jobs including construction of the Oahe Dam.

After graduating from high school in 1958, he met Laura Louise Smith in Whitewood, SD, and they were married in April 26, 1959. During their 59 years of marriage, four sons were born: Lawrence, Steven, Jeffrey, and Douglas.

Stan worked for the Veterans Administration in the 60s, the logging industry in the 70s, and owned a propane distribution business in the 80s and 90s. After selling their business in 2001, Stan and Laura frequently visited Oregon and South Dakota, while spending their winters in Arizona. In 2008, they returned to Newell, SD, where Stan built their current home.

Stanley Davis Parker, Lieutenant Colonel, United States Army, South Dakota National Guards, Retired, age 77, of Newell, SD, died May 2, 2018, at Sturgis Regional Hospital.

Survivors include his wife, Laura; sons, Lawrence (Laurie) of Newell, SD, and Jeffrey (Denise) of Salem, OR; daughter-in-law, Susan (Farghali) Parker of Belle Fourche, SD; eight grandchildren; four great – grandchildren; and his brother, Mike Parker.

He was preceded in death by his mother, Winnifred; father, Fay; brother, William; sister, Patty; and sons, Steven and Douglas.

A memorial has been established for a fund for his great-grandchild, EllaFay.

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



## *In Loving Memory Of*



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*1940 ~ 2018*

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



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***Born***

June 26, 1940  
Pierre, South Dakota

***Died***

May 2, 2018  
Sturgis, South Dakota

***Memorial Services***

Thursday, May 10, 2018, at 10:30 a.m.  
Newell Evangelical Church  
Newell, South Dakota

***Officiant***

Pastor Tom Martin

***Organist***

Marty Jump

***Musical Selections***

“How Great Thou Art” “One Day at A Time”  
“Go Tell It on the Mountain”

***Honorary Pallbearers***

Jim Olson ~ Don Huxford ~ Merle White  
David Septka ~ Fred Lamphere ~ Jim McDermott  
Shari Parsons ~ Debbie Parsons

***Military Honors***

Sturgis Veterans Honor Guard

***Inurnment***

3:00 p.m.  
Black Hills National Cemetery  
Sturgis, South Dakota

***Do not stand by my grave and weep:  
I am not there. I do not sleep.  
I am a thousand winds that blow,  
I am the diamond glints on snow,  
I am the sunlight on ripened grain,  
I am the gentle autumn's rain.***

***When you awaken in the morning's hush,  
I am the swift uplifting rush of  
quiet birds in circled flight.  
I am the soft stars that shine at night.  
Do not stand at my grave and cry;  
I am not there. I did not die.***