

In Loving Memory of

*When I come to the end of the road
And the sun has set for me
I want no rites in a gloom filled room
Why cry for a soul set free?
Miss me a little, but not for long And not with
your head bowed low
Remember the love that once we shared
Miss me, but let me go.
For this is a journey we all must take
And each must go alone.
It's all part of the master plan
A step on the road to home.
When you are lonely and sick at heart
Go to the friends we know.
Laugh at all the things we used to do
Miss me, but let me go.*



Dean Martin Fox
July 29, 1940—February 25, 2026

Dean Martin Fox, age 85, of Clark, South Dakota, formerly of De Smet, South Dakota, passed away peacefully on February 25, 2026, at Avantara in Clark, with his brother Joe by his side.

Dean was born on July 29, 1940, to Walter and Viola (Kelly) Fox in rural Clark, South Dakota. He entered the world as a twin with his sister Darla and joined three sisters and one brother at home.

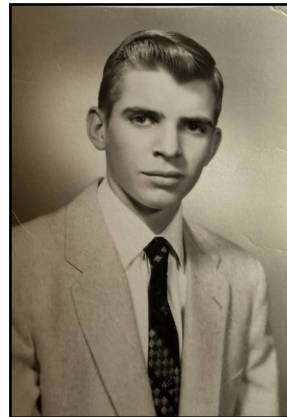
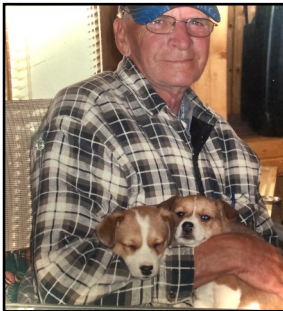
He attended Clark Public School, where he excelled in many areas, but his greatest passion was sports—particularly basketball. Dean was proud to have competed at the state basketball tournament during his high school career. He went on to attend South Dakota State University (SDSU) before returning home to raise his family and work alongside his father. Dean spent most of his time working in agriculture, and later in life he enjoyed woodworking, creating pieces that reflected his skill and attention to detail.

Dean approached life with determination and pride. He was a hard worker who believed in giving 100% to everything he did. Whether farming, bartending, playing sports, or woodworking, Dean never settled for mediocrity and found satisfaction in doing things well. He had a deep love for hunting, fishing and anytime spent with his dogs Moose, Blonde and Brady. Later in life, he enjoyed snowbirding in Texas, visiting with friends, and had a gift for making friends wherever he went.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Walter and Viola Fox; his daughters, Shelly Fox and Becky Scotter (Fox); his son-in-law, Kenny Scotter; his son, Martin Fox; two grandsons, Justin Lake and Nathan Scotter; his twin sister, Darla Larson; his sisters, Sharon Brannan and Judy Christenson; one sister-in-law; and three brothers-in-law.

He is survived by his daughters, JoLinda (Reece) Brown of Gettysburg, SD; Jodi (Jon) Heller of Basehor, KS; and Chantell (Bryan) Engels of Minneota, MN. Dean's grandchildren include Chelsey (Justin) Brock of Huron, SD; Cigi Fox (Kyle), Boston and Rowan Brown; Lily and Graham Heller; Allyson (Jared) Frazier; and Austin Engels, as well as several great grandchildren. He also leaves behind siblings Joe Fox, Janice Larson, Diane Altfillisch, along with numerous nieces, nephews and friends.

Dean will be remembered for his love of sports, the outdoors, hunting, woodworking, visiting with friends, and the pride he took in everything he did.



Celebrating the Life of Dean Fox



Funeral Services
Furness Funeral Home
Clark, South Dakota
Saturday, March 7, 2026
11:00 AM

Officiant

Pastor Kim Hastings

Music

Dorothy Fuller—Pianist

Scott Larson—Soloist

“In the Garden”

“Amazing Grace”

“Take Me Home, Country Roads” - Recorded by John Denver

Honorary Urn Bearers

Scott Larson Leo Tom

Jamie Foster Kelly Fox

Dean's Grandchildren

Interment at a Later Date

St. Boniface Cemetery

Clark, South Dakota



*The family of Dean Fox thanks you for your presence here today,
for your thoughts, prayers, and other acts of kindness shown to them.*

*Following the service, please join the family for lunch
and a time of fellowship in the funeral home fellowship room.*