John Clemence Travis was born July 29, 1929 to John Quincy and Eleanor Marie (Falcon) Travis on the family farm near Marion, Iowa. He liked to remind his twin sister, Joan that he was an hour older. In 1942 his family moved to a ranch near Holabird, SD. In 1946 his family moved to Sturgis, SD. John then became friends with the boys who gathered at Hoyles Motorcycle shop and was soon riding an Indian motorcycle. Clarence Hoyle organized a three-day motorcycle race every July. John and his friends started the "Jackpine Gypsys" motorcycle club and planned a trail ride through the Black Hills during the races each year.

John was tired of school when his twin sister went off to college, but was looking for something interesting to do. He and one his friends decided to travel south for the winter looking for work. They did everything from washing dishes to picking cotton all the way from California to Texas. They arrived at John's grandfather Falcon's winter home in San Antonio, Texas in the spring and borrowed enough money to get back home again. John then became employed for a few years at Homestake Mine in Lead, SD. Being tired of the winter weather, John moved to Los Angles, California and worked at Douglas Aircraft. Shortly after, John was drafted into the Army. Due to his experience blasting gold out of rocks, he was sent to France to replace roads and bridges damaged during WW2. While stationed in France he and a buddy took every opportunity to travel around Europe including visiting the Coronation of Queen Elizabeth in London.

When John joined civilian life, his little sister was attending SDSU and John began college. John met Jean's roommate Joyce Opheim, a farmer's daughter from Mound City, SD. On June 28, 1958 John and Joyce were married in Sioux Falls, SD. In June of 1959, John was proud to tell his school teacher mother that at least he made it through college before he reached the age of 30.

Joyce's parents talked them into moving to the family farm near Mound City, so her dad could retire. John then taught chemistry and shop classes in Selby High School. When the postmaster at Mound City retired, John was appointed to this position. John and Joyce then moved to Mound City with their two kids, John Jr. and Joy Lynn.

John is survived by his son, John Jr. (Tomi) of Mound City. Two granddaughters, Heather Travis of Mound City and Jennifer Travis of Aberdeen, SD. Great grandson, Alex and great granddaughter Layla. One sister, Jean Opheim of McMinnville, Oregon.
John is preceded in death by his wife Joyce, daughter Joy Lynn, twin sis-

In Loving Memory Of:

John C. Travis

July 29, 1929 ~ January 7, 2022

Husband, Father, & Grandpa

A million times we thought of you,
A million times we cried,
If love alone could have saved you,
You never would have died.

In life we loved you dearly,
In death we love you still.
In our hearts you hold a place
No one could ever fill.

It broke our hearts to lose you.
But you didn't go alone.
For part of us went with you
The day God took you home.

IN LOVING MEMORY OF:

John C. Travis

92 Years ~ 5 Months ~ 9 Days

BORN:
July 29, 1929
Marion, Iowa

PASSED AWAY:
January 7, 2022
Selby, South Dakota

FUNERAL SERVICES:
2:00 P.M. Thursday January 13, 2022
Kesling Funeral Home
Mobridge South Dakota

CLERGY:
Pastor Jaimie Odde

SPECIAL MUSIC:
"Amazing Grace" "The Old Rugged Cross"
"Sweet By and By"

MILITARY RITES & BURIAL:
12:30 P.M. MT Friday, January 14, 2022
Black Hills National Cemetery
Sturgis, South Dakota