

Royce Eugene Strasser was born on May 9, 1946, in Milbank, SD, to Harold and Esther (Smit) Strasser. He attended Springdale #5 country school through the eighth grade and graduated from Wilmot High School in 1964.

On November 5, 1964, Royce enlisted in the United States Air Force, proudly serving his country. He completed two tours in Vietnam, from September 1966 to September 1967 and again from June 1968 to May 1969. During his service, he achieved the rank of Staff Sergeant (SSgt) and served as an Aerospace Photographic Systems Specialist. In this role, he was responsible for operating, maintaining, and processing imagery from aerial photography systems, supporting reconnaissance, mapping, and other vital military operations. Royce took great pride in his military service, demonstrating skill and dedication in his field. He was honorably discharged on May 4, 1969.

Royce married Mitzi Grabow on June 27, 1971, at Hope Lutheran Church in Summit, SD. That same year, they moved to Spearfish, SD, before returning to Summit in 1972, where they made their lifelong home. They were blessed with a son, Fredrick "Fred" Strasser. After returning to Summit, Royce worked for a laundromat and carpet company, where he laid carpet, as well as for Equity Elevator in Wilmot. He then began working for Roberts County, where he was employed for numerous years. On July 1, 1986, while still working for Roberts County, Royce and Mitzi purchased the Summit Variety Trustworthy Hardware Store. After retiring from his position with Roberts County in 2009, Royce took over full-time at the hardware store. Both Royce and Mitzi were deeply involved in their community, always willing to lend a helping hand. Whether it was fixing something for a neighbor or assisting with town projects, Royce was always there to help. His generosity and dedication to Summit made a lasting impact on those around him.

Royce was an active member of the American Legion, VFW, Summit Fire Department, and Summit Community Club. He was also a dedicated member of Hope Lutheran Church, where he served in various roles over the years.

After Mitzi's passing in 2015, Royce remained in Summit. In 2024, he moved to numerous care centers before his passing in 2025.

Royce is survived by his granddaughter, Louella Strasser of South Shore, SD; his brothers: Delton (Verne) Strasser of Wilmot, SD; Dale (Ruth) Strasser of Rochester, MN; and Keith (Lisa) Strasser of Omaha, NE; his in-laws; and many nieces and nephews. He is reunited with his parents, Harold and Esther Strasser; his beloved wife, Mitzi; and his son, Fredrick.



IN LOVING MEMORY OF

Royce E Strassen

WHO WAS BORN

May 9, 1946
Milbank, South Dakota

AND CALLED TO HIS ETERNAL HOME

February 9, 2025
Milbank, South Dakota

MEMORIAL SERVICE

Saturday, April 5, 2025 - 10:30 a.m.
Hope Lutheran Church
Summit, South Dakota

OFFICIANT

Pastor Janet Miller

MUSIC

Val Moen, Organist
Keith Strasser, Vocalist

URN BEARERS

Emmett Whempner | Levi Whempner

HONORARY URN BEARER

Royce's Beloved Granddaughter
Louella Strasser

MILITARY HONORS

American Legion Drake-Sorbel Post #64
Bugler: Emmett Strasser

INURNMENT

Hope Lutheran Cemetery
Summit, South Dakota

APPRECIATION

Royce's family is grateful for your attendance at this service.
Your expressions of kindness and love are deeply appreciated.

Following the inurnment, please join the family
for lunch and fellowship in the church dining area.

ARRANGEMENTS BY

Mundwiler Funeral Home - Milbank, South Dakota

Taps

*Day is done, gone the sun,
from the lakes, from the hills,
from the sky. All is well!
Safety rest God is nigh.
Fading light, dims the sight.
And a star gems the sky,
gleaming bright from afar,
drawing nigh, falls the night.
Thanks and praise, for our days,
'neath the sun 'neath the stars,
'neath the sky, as we go,
this we know, God is nigh.*

Please use this QR code to access Royce's
online guestbook & tribute video.

