

LaVerne Joseph Geffre

LaVerne Joseph Geffre was born March 22, 1943, at Leola, SD, to Joseph and Katherine (Dosch) Geffre. He grew up in Lead, SD. He married Selma "Candy" Stoor in Lead on September 22, 1962. Candy passed away August 20,

2012, just prior to their 50th anniversary.

Following their marriage, they moved to the west coast where LaVerne worked for Weyerhaeuser Lumber in Washington and Oregon. They moved back to the Black Hills and LaVerne worked at the sawmill in Spearfish. He later worked in Lead at Homestake. They settled in Whitewood in 1986. LaVerne retired in 1997.

He enjoyed fishing and taught all the kids to fish. LaVerne loved to visit and could talk to anyone.

LaVerne, 70, Whitewood, died Tuesday, April 30, 2013, at the Lippold Hospice Suite at Sturgis Regional Hospital.

He is survived by his son, Tony Geffre, Gillette, WY; his daughter, Crystal (Todd) Ireland, Mitchell, SD; two grandchildren, Zane Ireland and Amber Ireland, Mitchell, SD; two great-grandchildren, Garrett and Gabriel; one great-grandchild on the way; four brothers, Jerome (Patty) Geffre, Yuma, AZ, Duane (Denise) Geffre, San Diego, CA, Les Geffre, Sturgis, and Marty (Becky) Geffre, Sturgis; four sisters, Bev Evenson, Spearfish, Mary (Charlie) Lapka, Spearfish, Theresa (Jerry) Hinker, Sturgis, and Marcy (Donnie) Larsen, Sturgis; brother-in-law, Ray (Deb) Stoor, Summerset, SD; and sisters-in-law, Leanne Wildberger, Phoenix, AZ, and Julie (Brent) Albrecht, Rapid City.

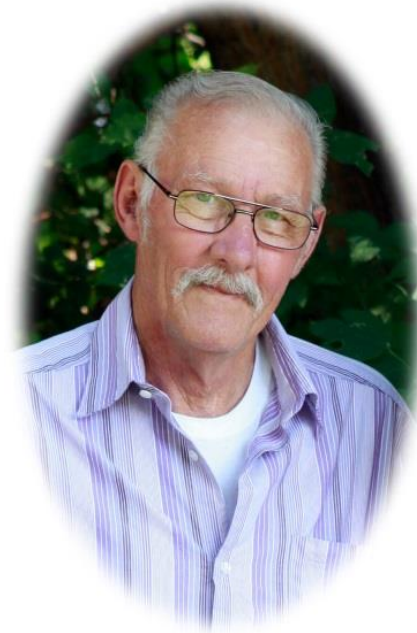
He was preceded in death by his parents and his wife, Candy.

A memorial has been established.

Condolences may be sent to the family at www.kinkadee.funerals.com.



*In Loving
Memory Of*



LaVerne Geffre

1943 ~ 2013



*The family invites you to join them for fellowship and lunch
at Hale Hall following the committal service.
We thank you for your presence and condolences.*



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Born

March 22, 1943
Leola, South Dakota

Died

April 30, 2013
Sturgis, South Dakota

Memorial Service

Monday, May 6, 2013, at 11:00 a.m.
First Presbyterian Church
Whitewood, South Dakota

Officiating

Pastor Steve Agan

Musical Selections

"Daddy's Hands"
"The Dance"
"Strawberry Wine"

Honorary Pallbearers

Shawn Larsen ~ Sheldon Larsen ~ Justin Williams
Zane Ireland ~ Jeremy Keiner ~ Junior Eldeen

Inurnment

Whitewood Cemetery

A Father's Farewell to His Children

*When I must leave you for a little while,
Please do not grieve and shed wild tears,
And hug your sorrow to you through the years,
But start out bravely with a gallant smile:
And for my sake and in my name
Live on and do all things the same,
Feed not your loneliness on empty days,
But fill each waking hour in useful ways,
Reach out your hand in comfort and in cheer
And I in turn will comfort you and hold you near;
And never, never be afraid to die,
For I am waiting for you in the sky!*