



Thomas Ray Outka

Tom was born October 30, 1951, to LeRoy and Evelyn (Harris) Outka in Rapid City, SD, a brother to LaVon, Lois, and Randall. Tom graduated from New Underwood High School in 1971 where he lettered and played football and ran track. Tom grew up farming and ranching next to his dad in Enning, SD. Tom later worked at Homestake Gold Mine for 18 years, then at Rockingtree where he did landscaping. Tom's last place of employment was with Horsley Specialties

where he was a foreman for asbestos removal.

For everyone who knew Tom, knew he liked to tinker in the garage, around the house, and on vehicles. Tom loved being outdoors hunting and fishing, and he always had a story about "the one that got away." Tom was a talker and his stories were never short...but his fish were sure long.

Tom was always willing to lend a helping hand and if you needed to borrow anything, it was guaranteed that it had his name written on it with a big black marker. Tom was famous for phrases such as "ever what," "Git-r-done," and "The deal of it is."

Tom was married to Mary Lou Simmons and from this marriage, they had two wonderful daughters, April and Lisa. Tom later married Teddy (Finn) Varns on November 28, 1986. The two together became T-N-T. Tom and Teddy became best friends and soul mates. With this marriage, Tom became a loving and caring father to Sheila, Jesse, and Shannon. Tom was also a proud papa to twelve amazing grandchildren that love him dearly.

Tom Outka, 64, Sturgis, passed away on Easter Sunday, March 27, 2016, surrounded by his loving family.

Tom is survived by his wife, Teddy Outka, Sturgis, SD; son, Jesse (Layla) Varns, Rapid City; daughters, April Keller, Cedar Rapids, IA, Lisa (Reid) Outka-Perkins, Missoula, MT, Sheila Varns (Travis) Huck, Sturgis, and Shannon Varns Royer, Sturgis; grandchildren, Timothy and Madison Walker, Zach and Shelby Keller, Tevin and Reese Huck, Dylan, Coby and Samantha Varns, and Brody and Logan Royer; sisters, LaVon Williams, Bonners Ferry, ID, and Lois Davis, Rapid City; and numerous nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents; one brother, Randall Outka; and one granddaughter, MacKenna Varns.

Condolences may be sent to the family at www.kinkadefunerals.com.

The family invites you to join them for fellowship and lunch at the Sturgis Vet's Club following the memorial service. We thank you for your presence and condolences.

In Loving Memory Of



Thomas Ray Outka

1951 ~ 2016



I'm Free

*Don't grieve for me, for now I'm free
I'm following the path God has laid you see.
I took His hand when I heard His call
I turned my back and left it all.*

*I could not stay another day
To laugh, to love, to work or play.
Tasks left undone must stay that way
I found the peace at the close of day.*

*If my parting has left a void
Then fill it with remembered joys - -
A friendship shared, a laugh, a kiss
Oh yes, these things I too will miss.*

*Be not burdened with times of sorrow.
I wish you the sunshine of tomorrow.
My life's been full, I savored much,
Good friends, good times, a loved one's touch.*

*Perhaps my time seemed all too brief - -
Don't lengthen it now with undue grief.
Lift up your hearts, and peace to thee - -
God wanted me now: He set me free.*

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Born

October 30, 1951
Rapid City, South Dakota

Died

March 27, 2016
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Memorial Service

Thursday, March 31, 2016, at 1:00 p.m.
Kinkade Funeral Chapel

Officiant

Pastor Steve Talley

Musical Selections

"My Best Friend" ~ Don Williams
"You Should Be Here" ~ Cole Swindell

Honorary Pallbearers

Travis Huck ~ Randy Schwartz ~ Clark Steeves
Dave Finn ~ Chase Arneson ~ Reid Perkins
Chris Kaye ~ Justin Papenfuss
And All Family and Close Friends

Inurnment

At A Later Date
Bear Butte Cemetery

*"When you die it does not mean you lose to cancer.
You beat cancer by how you live and why you live,
and in the manner in which you live."*

~ Stuart Scott