

Ronald Glen Joens

Ronald Glen Joens "Ron" was born on May 19, 1947, to Glen and Alvena Joens in Dupree, South Dakota. He spent most of his childhood in Eagle Butte. Although he only completed school through the eighth grade, that never stopped him from learning valuable skills.

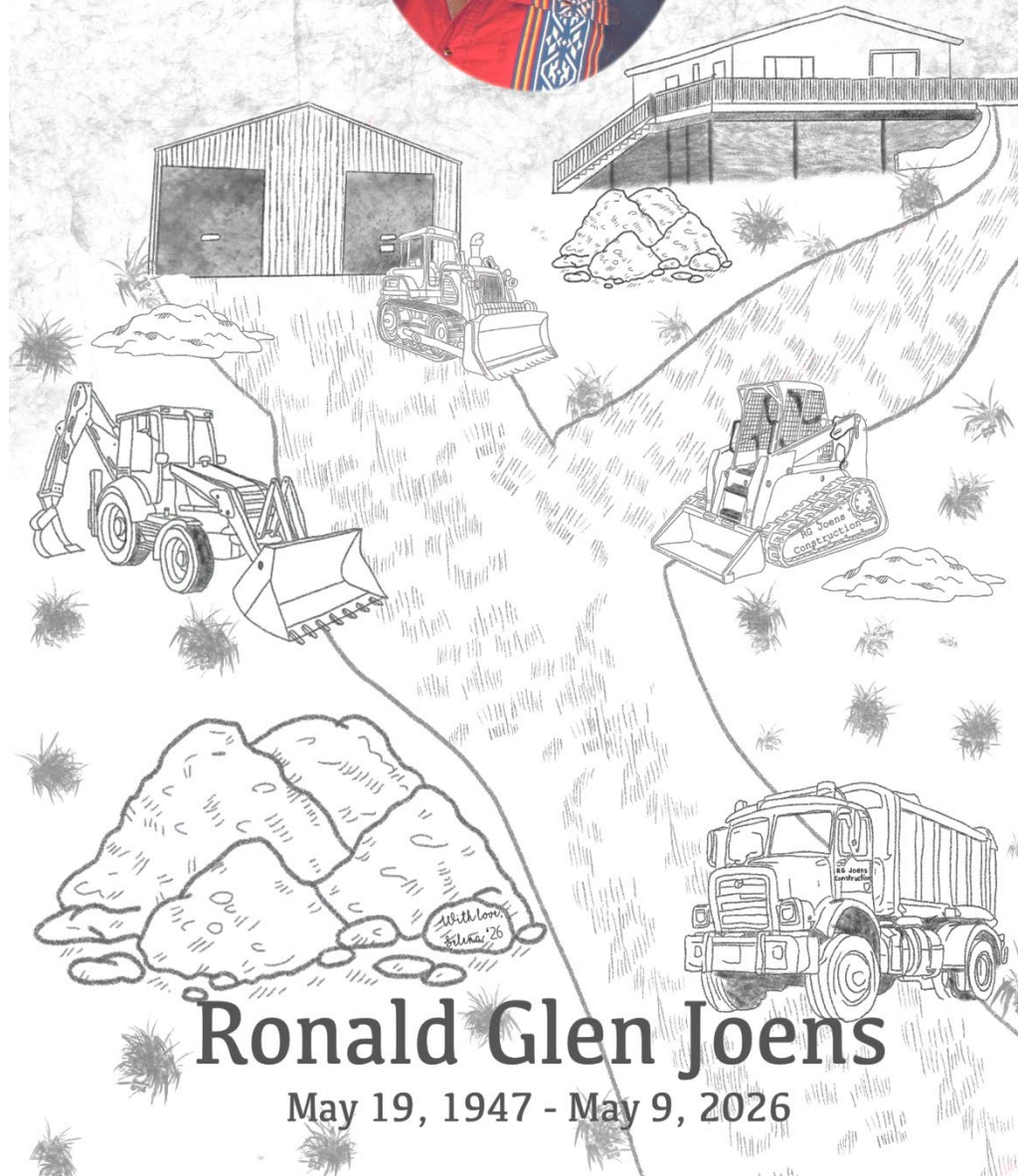
On June 25, 1967, Ron married Judy Vansickel in Faith, South Dakota. Not long after, they welcomed their only son, Edward. They moved to Sturgis, until 1974. They moved to Black Hawk before purchasing land in 1996, where Ron spent the remainder of his life until he was called home on Saturday, May 9, 2026.

In 1974, Ron began working for Rapid Plumbing under Clarence Harrison, who took Ron under his wing and taught him everything he knew. He even bought Ron a backhoe, which Ron operated for the rest of his life. When he left Rapid Plumbing, he brought the backhoe home with him. Ron spent most of his life working in construction and doing odd jobs for people throughout the area. He later established his own business, RG Joens Construction, until retiring at the age of 75. But, did he ever really retire? He loved working on his equipment and was always willing to lend a helping hand to anyone in need. Ron also enjoyed visiting with neighbors and talking with people he met. It often seemed there was never anyone he didn't know.

Ron was preceded in death by his parents, Glen and Alvena Joens; his son, Edward Joens; his sister, Babe Gage; and his brothers, Boyd, Les, and Ben Joens. He was also preceded in death by his father-in-law, Charles Vansickel; brother-in-law, Merle Vansickel; and sister-in-law, Janet Vansickel. He is survived by his wife, Judy Joens; his grandchildren, Donald, Heather, and Jessica Joens; his sisters, Golda and Gwen Vogt; his brothers, Kenny, Mick, and Larry Joens; his mother-in-law, Hazel Vansickel; and his brother-in-law, Chuck Vansickel. Ron also held a special place in his heart for Don Konechne, his favorite neighbor and a very special friend, as well as Kel's son, Braxton, whom Ron loved watching play.

Visitation will be held from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday, May 27, 2026, at Kinkade Funeral Chapel. Funeral services will take place at 11:00 a.m.

on Thursday, May 28, 2026, at Kinkade Funeral Chapel with Rev. Harold Delbridge officiating. Burial will follow at Bear Butte Cemetery. A luncheon will be held afterward at the Sturgis VFW. A memorial is established, and condolences may be sent to Judy Joens at 6512 Anderson Rd., Black Hawk, SD 57718.



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May 19, 1947 - May 9, 2026



As I Sit In Heaven



As I sit in heaven
And watch you every day
I try to let you know with signs
I never went away.

I hear you when you're laughing
And watch you as you sleep
I even place my arms around you
To calm you as you weep.



I see you wish the days away
Begging to have me home
So, I try to send you signs
So, you know you're not alone.



Don't feel guilty that you have
Life that was denied to me
Heaven is truly beautiful
Just you wait and see.



So, live your life, laugh again
Enjoy yourself, be free
Then I know with every breath you take
You'll be taking one for me.



In Memory Of
Ronald Glen Joens

Born

May 19, 1947
Dupree, South Dakota

Died

May 9, 2026
Black Hawk, South Dakota

Funeral Service

Thursday, May 28, 2026 at 11:00 a.m.
Kinkade Funeral Chapel
Sturgis, South Dakota

Officiating

Pastor Harold Delbridge

Musician

Danny Chapman

Pallbearers

Joe Allen, Kelsie Allen, Shannon O' Grady,
Steve DuVall, Bill Short, Mike Bark, Hewey Hewitt

Honorary Pallbearers

Danny Short, and all friends & family

Final Resting Place

Bear Butte Cemetery
Sturgis, South Dakota