

**Wayne Kenneth Massie** was born in Spearfish, SD on October 12, 1932, to Walter and Jennie Massie. He spent his younger years growing up on the family ranch north of Hulett, Wyoming. He started high school in Hulett before transferring to Belle Fourche High School in 1949 when his parents moved to their new ranch west of Belle Fourche and graduated in 1950. After finishing high school, at the age of 17, Wayne joined the South Dakota Army National Guard in August of 1950 shortly after the start of the Korean War. The following month he was transferred to the US Army. He completed basic training at Camp Carson in Colorado Springs, CO, with additional training as a medical technician at Fort Sam in Houston, Texas. He was assigned to the 196<sup>th</sup> Infantry Regiment at Fort Richardson, Alaska where he completed the remainder of his military service. He highly regarded his military experience which left him with many lifelong friends. After an honorable discharge in June of 1952, he returned to Belle Fourche. Shortly thereafter, he met the love of his life, Margaret (Marge), in Spearfish, South Dakota and they were married on May 20th, 1953. They had three children: Debbie Long (Matthew) of Creston, IA; Larry (Adele) of Corrales, NM; and Curt (Jodi C) of Rapid City, SD.

The newlyweds moved to Denver for two years before returning to Belle Fourche, where he attended Black Hills State University for two years, then worked at the Sugar Beet Factory, Montana Dakota Utilities, and bartended at the Vets Club and Moose Lodge. In 1970, they purchased land west of Belle Fourche and Wayne returned to his love of ranching. Despite the hard work involved, he always enjoyed ranching. Raising horses, sheep, chickens, and hogs but his real joy was raising cattle – particularly Herefords. While primarily focused on cow/calf pairs, he raised yearlings on leased land up by Camp Crook for a while. He also worked as a brand inspector for many years. He remained active in ranching into his late 80's. Wayne enjoyed playing bridge and other card games, along with cribbage. He and Marge made a formidable bridge team. Wayne loved teaching his grandchildren to play various card games and how to ride horses.

Wayne passed away peacefully on December 30<sup>th</sup>, 2025, at Belle Estate with family and friends by his side. He is survived by his wife, Margaret, of 72 years; daughter Debbie (Matthew) Long of Creston IA; 2 sons, Larry (Adele) of Corrales, NM and Curt (Jodi C) of Rapid City, SD; 6 grandchildren, Lyndsey, Dylan (Angela), Ashley (Ryan), Andrew, Nicholas and Allison; 11 great grandchildren, Colin, Quinn, Hazel, Dexter, Delaney, Stiles, Lucy, Anderson, Evelyn, Griffin, and Kirsten; 4 nieces and nephews, Pam, Jodi L, Jeff, and Wade; and Sister-in-law, Charlotte. He was preceded in death by his parents; brother, Clyde; and his wife, Shirley; brother Roger; sister, Virginia; niece, Penny; and nephew, Cory.

*May God Bless the Memory of Wayne Kenneth Massie.*

## Forever In Our Hearts



**Wayne Massie**

October 12, 1932

December 30, 2025



**“God Saw Him Getting Tired”**

God saw him getting tired,  
And a cure was not to be  
So He put His arms around him  
And whispered, “Come with Me”

With tearful eyes we watched him  
And saw him fade away,  
Although we loved him dearly  
We could not make him stay

A golden heart stopped beating  
Hard working hands at rest,  
God broke our hearts to prove to us  
He only takes the best.



**IN LOVING MEMORY**  
**Wayne Kenneth Massie**

**Funeral Service**

10:00 A.M. – Wednesday – January 7, 2026  
Leverington Funeral Home  
of the Northern Hills  
Belle Fourche, South Dakota

**Officiant**

Mark Leverington

**Tributes**

Larry Massie      Lyndsey Hansen

**Music**

“Amazing Grace”  
“Go Rest High on that Mountain”  
*(Recorded)*

**Casketbearers**

*(Grandchildren)*  
Lyndsey Hansen      Andrew Long  
Dylan Long            Nicholas Massie  
Ashley Osgood        Allison Massie

**Interment**

Black Hills National Cemetery  
Sturgis, South Dakota

**Military Honors**

Belle Fourche Veterans Honor Guard



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