

Andrew Kari Wicks, 67, passed away Wednesday, November 12, 2025 at Aurora, Colorado.

On August 9, 1958, Andrew Kari Wicks was born in Belle Fourche, SD to Ray (Chummy) and Florence (Tiny) Wicks. Ray and Florence purchased a ranch in 1959 and moved to Red Owl, SD. Andy attended grade school at Winchell, Stranger, Red Owl, and Enning, and graduated high school from Sturgis Brown High in 1976. Throughout his grade school and high school years Andy made many lifelong friendships.

After graduation Andy went to work for Dick Richter at Richter Construction until August of 1980 when he broke his back in a ranch work accident and spent the next 45 years as a paraplegic. It was Andy's resilience and faith that he was able to accept this challenge with grace. He continued his life as if nothing had ever changed, he didn't let his physical state define who he was. After his accident he attended Black Hills State University and Western Dakota Vo-Tech. He was a member of the Rodeo Club for BHSU.

After college Andy worked at refinishing furniture until 1985 where he began work at the Fort Meade Veterans Hospital and continued to work until his retirement.

Andy never knew a stranger and never forgot a friend. He loved to spend time with family and friends old and new alike. He loved concerts, listening to bands, watching rodeos, driving through the country, and all things associated with friends & family. He attended many sporting events of friends and family. Andy was a member of the St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Church, Sturgis, SD.

Andy leaves behind a brother, Zane (Mary Jo) Wicks; sister-in-law, Amy (Travis) Wicks-Richards; nieces Emily Escott, Abigail (Cayden) VanVugt, Josie (Shane) Forster, Mya Wicks; and nephew Christopher Dean (Kara) Herman; and great-nephews Conor and Benjamin Herman, Kase Escott; and great-nieces Teighlor and Charlotte Herman. Special Friend and Nurse/Caregiver Jill Phillips as well as numerous aunts, uncles, and cousins.

Andy was preceded in death by his parents Ray and Florence Wicks, brother Daniel Wicks, Maternal Grandparents, Ernest and Florence (Atteberry) Kari and Paternal Grandparents, Rayfield & Louise (Thybo) Wicks.

Thank you for your presence and condolences.

In Loving Memory



Andrew Kari Wicks

August 9, 1958 ~ November 12, 2025

In Loving Memory Of
Andrew “Andy” Wicks

Date of Birth
August 9, 1958

Date of Death
November 12, 2025

Mass of Christian Burial

Saturday, November 22, 2025 at 10:00am
St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Church
Sturgis, South Dakota

Officiant

Father Timothy Castor

Musicians

Robert Dennis
Theresa Hanzlik
Dr. Barry Furze
Myron Volk

Musical Selections

“How Great Thou Art”
“Amazing Grace”
“One Bread One Body”
“Ave Maria”
“On Eagle’s Wings”

Pallbearers

Glen Long, Bill Bucholz, Rick Smiley, Rob Smiley, Rick
Jordan, Danny Keffeler, Larry Jensen,
Justin Ingrahm, Russel Simons, Chuck VanSickle
& Dean Andrews

Honorary Pallbearers

Chris Herman, Emily Wicks-Escott, Abigail VanVugt,
Josie Forester, Mya Wicks, Teighlor Herman,
Conor Herman, Kase Escott, Charlotte Herman,
Oliver Herman & Benjamin Herman

Final Resting Place

Pleasant View Cemetery
Red Owl, South Dakota

*Please join the family for fellowship at the
Red Owl Hall following the burial.*

*In lieu of flowers, please consider donating to the
ALS Association in memory of Andy.*

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