

## **Kenneth Earnest Holst**

Kenneth Earnest Holst was born May 27, 1930, to Dora (Trigg) and Ernest Holst of Vale, SD. He was the second of five children. He went to high school at Vale High School and graduated in 1948. In 1950, he entered the US Air Force and served a four-year tour of duty. He returned to his family farm in 1954.

He met JoAnn Lovegren at a dance in Union Center and after a period of time, they were married on August 23, 1958. They lived in a very small trailer with their first two boys, Ricky and Randy, on the family farm. They found a farm just a few miles away to move to before their daughter, Ronda, was born. This is where they lived until 1985. Then they moved to Sturgis for retirement.

They spent most of their life serving Jehovah and speaking to others about the bible and the kingdom hope. Kenneth was a giving person. If someone needed something and he could help, he wouldn't hesitate. When JoAnn passed a few years ago, he lived by himself except for a little miniature pincher named Jo Jo. They were the best of friends.

In the past three years he has lived with his daughter, grandson, granddaughter-in-law, and great-granddaughter. He was diagnosed with dementia and could no longer take care of himself. He was able to remain home with family until his final two weeks that he spent in hospice at the Department of Veteran's Affairs at Fort Meade Medical Center.

He passed away peacefully on June 3, 2016.

He is survived by his sister, Judy Ollila; brothers, Alan Holst and Alvin Holst; sons, Ricky Holst and Randy Holst; daughter, Ronda Halvorson; his grandchildren, Tina Ulmer, Jeremy Halvorson, Sabrina Reid, Monique Shackles, Daylene Holst/Allen, Heather Baker, and Shane Baker. His great-grandchildren are Cynthia Turnbaugh, Tiana Ulmer, Angel Ulmer, Dakota Halvorson, Leif Baker, Devin Alan Baker, Nathan Allen, Tristan Allen, Breanna Allen, Austin Allen, McKenna Allen, and Ashlynn Allen,

He was preceded in death by his parents, Dora and Ernest Holst; his oldest brother, Roger Holst; his wife of 50 years, JoAnn Holst; and a great-grandson, Maciah Holst.

A memorial has been established to the Kingdom Hall in Sturgis, SD.

Condolences may be sent to the family at [www.kinkadefunerals.com](http://www.kinkadefunerals.com).

*The family would like to invite you to join them for fellowship and lunch at the Vale Community Center Hall in Vale, SD following the service. We thank you for your presence and condolences.*

## *In Loving Memory Of*



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***1930 ~ 2016***



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***Born***

*May 27, 1930  
Sturgis, South Dakota*

***Died***

*June 3, 2016  
Fort Meade, South Dakota*

***Memorial Service***

*Saturday, June 11, 2016 at 1:00 p.m.  
Kingdom Hall of Jehovah's Witnesses  
Sturgis, South Dakota*

***Speaker***

*Alan Bennett*

***Special Music***

*Song 134*

*"Acts 24:15 And I have hope toward God , which hope these men also look forward to, that there is going to be a resurrection of the righteous and the unrighteous."*



*Daniel 2:44 "In the days of those kings the God of heaven will set up a kingdom that will never be destroyed. And this kingdom will not be passed on to any other people. It will crush and put an end to all these kingdoms, and it alone will stand forever."*



*Matthew 6:9-10. "You must pray then this way: "Our father in the heavens, let your name be sanctified. Let your kingdom come. Let your will take place as in heaven, also on earth."*