

LaVerne Everett Garner was born in Rapid City, SD, on June 6, 1971, to Jacque (Freeland) and Joe Garner. Vern was raised on the family farm at Union Center, SD, with his sister, Jody (1973). Vern loved shooting from a young age and made sure Jody knew how to keep up with him. Along with shooting, he enjoyed riding his motorcycle to the neighbors, which he had perfected to ensure he arrived at each one at their lunch time. Vern attended kindergarten through 8th grade at Union Center School. Vern started high school in Newell, SD, before the family moved to Sturgis in 1987.

On August 31, 1991, Vern married Connie Winkleblack in Sturgis, SD. Vern and Connie resided in Sturgis and Vern worked at Little River Sawmill in Piedmont. In November of 1992, they had a son, Shane William Garner. In May of 1993, they moved west of Newell, SD, due to the sawmill in Piedmont closing. Vern then worked for Butte County Highway Department. In June of 1994, they bought a place in Newell. In April of 1997, they were blessed with twin daughters, Amber Kay and Autumn Jean.

In 1998, he quit working for Butte County and took the position of City Foreman for the City of Newell. In 2000, they moved to Wright, WY, for about a year and then moved back to Newell. He then worked for Bruce Bowen and Co. and then Jamison International before going to work for Culver Trucking, hauling gravel in the oil fields in North Dakota.

He then went to work for Gunderson Trucking out of Buffalo, SD, hauling livestock, hay, and whatever else needed hauled. His favorite to haul was buffalo, which he loved more than cattle. Vern met a lot of people and made a lot of friends while being in the trucking world. He was often requested by ranchers because of the care he took while hauling the livestock.

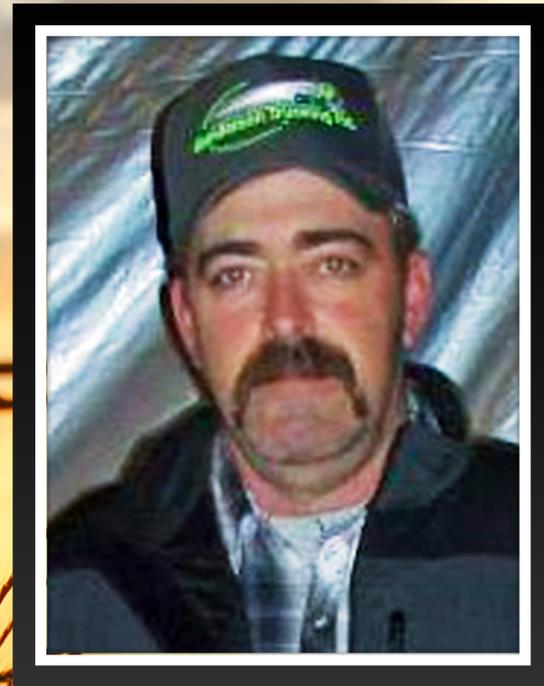
LaVerne, 48, passed away on July 9, 2019, in Bowdle, SD.

Grateful to have been a part of Vern's life are his wife of almost 28 years, Connie Garner; son, Shane Garner, Belle Fourche, SD; daughters, Amber Garner and Spencer Haynes, Belle Fourche, SD, and Autumn Garner and fiancé, Thomas Myre, Sioux Falls, SD; grandchildren, Reagan Garner, Sara Gregory, and Emmett Haynes; father, Everett Joe Garner, Union Center, SD; sister, Jody (David) Hegstrum, Rapid City, SD; nephews, Kevin Adams, Rapid City, SD, and Kyle (Makayla) Hegstrum, Great Falls, MT; and nieces, Morgan Hegstrum, Rapid City, and Maranda Hegstrum, O'Fallon, MO.

Preceding him in death is his mom, Jacque Garner (2003).

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

*The family invites you to join them for fellowship and lunch at the Loud American following the committal service. We thank you for your presence and condolences.*



*In Loving Memory*

*LaVerne Everett Garner*

*June 6, 1971 ~ July 9, 2019*



*A Trucker's Prayer*

*Lord please help me to be safe as I travel each mile.  
Let your presence guide me and bring me a smile.  
Take care of my family while I am away.  
Let them know I miss them each and every day.  
Steer me clear of danger as I cross the country alone.  
I put my hands in yours Lord.  
Keep me safe, get me home.  
Amen.*



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***LaVerne Everett Garner***

***Date of Birth***

June 6, 1971  
Rapid City, South Dakota

***Date of Death***

July 9, 2019  
Bowdle, South Dakota

***Funeral Service***

Monday, July 15, 2019, at 10:00 a.m.  
First Presbyterian Church  
Sturgis, South Dakota

***Officiating***

Pastor Harold Delbridge  
Pastor Paul Henschen

***Songs***

"Amazing Grace"  
"Go Rest High On That Mountain"  
"Daddy's Hands"  
"How Great Thou Art"

***Pallbearers***

Roger Gunderson Kyle Coshow Bryan Culver  
Travis Enright Jamie Gerbracht Cody Gerbracht

***Final Resting Place***

Bear Butte Cemetery  
Sturgis, South Dakota