

Merle Dean Windedahl

Merle Dean Windedahl was born on June 29, 1932, on a farm in Carthage, South Dakota to Floyd and Inez Windedahl, and passed away peacefully in his sleep on December 4, 2020. Your children wish you a joyous celebration with God, your parents and loved ones in heaven.

Merle served in the United States Army from 1952-1954. Shortly after returning from the Korean War, Merle married the love of his life, Deannie Nearing, and together, they had 5 beautiful children. Susan, Jerry, Penny, Bill and Teresa, where they resided mostly in Kellogg, Idaho.

Merle moved back to South Dakota in the early 1980's to be closer to his parents and siblings. He enjoyed watching his western shows and taking care of his two cats. You could find Merle visiting with his friends at the local tavern, drinking his whiskey and water. He enjoyed traveling back to the Silver Valley to visit his family and friends.

Surviving are his children, Susan Trotter, Jerry Windedahl, Penny Windedahl, Bill Windedahl and Teresa Allen; his step-children, Julie, Trina and Shelly; his grandchildren, Brandy Thueson, Amy Brady, Heather Custis, Katie Clelland, Kristy Windedahl, Heath Marek, Miranda Marek, Stephanie Windedahl, Faythe Windedahl and Tayler Allen; his siblings, Marlys Beshara, Shirley Christie, Verlin Windedahl, LaVonne Gravelle and Jimmy Windedahl; and several great-grand-children.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Floyd and Inez Windedahl; his brother, Jerry Windedahl; grandson, Levi Marek; step-son, Jamie Footit; and his first wife, Deannie McNeal.

Merle will be laid to rest at the Black Hills National Cemetery.

Please join us for a celebration of life at the Hideaway Bar on December 13, 2020, at 3:00 p.m. The family suggests to bring your favorite pie in memory of Merle, which was his favorite dessert.

Condolences may be sent to the family at www.kinkadefunerals.com.

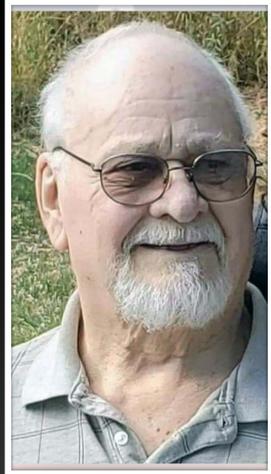
We thank you for your presence and condolences.



In Loving Memory

Merle Dean Windedahl

June 29, 1932 ~ December 4, 2020



A Father's Farewell to His Children

*When I must leave you for a little while,
Please do not grieve and shed wild tears,
And hug your sorrow to you through the years,
But start out bravely with a gallant smile:
And for my sake and in my name
Live on and do all things the same,
Feed not your loneliness on empty days,
But fill each waking hour in useful ways,
Reach out your hand in comfort and in cheer
And I in turn will comfort you and hold you near;
And never, never be afraid to die,
For I am waiting for you in the sky!*

In Memory Of

Merle Dean Windedahl

Date of Birth

June 29, 1932
Carthage, South Dakota

Date of Death

December 4, 2020
Fort Meade, South Dakota

Service

Thursday, December 10, 2020, at 2:00 p.m.
Black Hills National Cemetery
Sturgis, South Dakota

Clergy

Pastor David Baer

Military Honors

Sturgis Veteran's Honor Guard
Sturgis, South Dakota

America,
the Beautiful

O beautiful for spacious skies,
for amber waves of grain,
For purple mountain majesties,
Above the fruited plain!
America! America!
God shed His Grace on thee,
And crown thy good with brotherhood
From sea to shining sea!

