

Richard "Dik" Alban Kopp

Dik was born to Al and Eleanor (Jahner) Kopp October 16, 1948, in Mott, ND. He attended grade school at St. Martin's Academy in Sturgis and graduated from Sturgis Brown High School in 1966.

He joined the Navy in 1966, where he served four years which included service in Japan and Vietnam. Dik was very proud to serve his country and to be an American. Veterans have always been dear to his heart.

In 1971, he married Debbie Bruse and to this union three children were born; Kirk, Heath and Justin.

Throughout his life he enjoyed being a mechanic for the Ford Motor Company in various cities. During this time he formed the band (**DK & The Coachmen**). Eventually due to a funny mishap they became the "**Broken Coach**." His fellow musicians became best lifelong friends and stayed in contact. Last summer they had a reunion jam session at "The Knuckle" in Sturgis, SD. All their musical talent was just as great as in the early days (even without practicing).

On June 21, 1990, he married his soul mate, Suzanne Hogan, and to this union a son, Jesse James Perry, was born.

Dik was diagnosed with an unknown primary cancer with metastases to the bone, lymph system and brain in May of 2015. He never complained and was always concerned about others. He was "Our Hero" in this brave battle he fought.

On Saturday June 4, 2016, "Our Hero" Dik Kopp, 67, took his last breath as he joined his maker in heaven. He passed away peacefully at the Ft. Meade VA Hospice Unit with his son, wife, and siblings by his side.

Survivors include his wife, Suzanne Kopp; sons, Kirk (Amber) Kopp, Heath (Sarah) Kopp, Justin Kopp, and Jesse Kopp; 7 grandchildren; 1 great-grandchild; two brothers, Dennis (Tina) Kopp and Neil (Mary) Kopp; four sisters, Bonnie Bruch, Patti (Kim) Coe, Connie Grayum, and Carmen (Todd) Sherman; numerous aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews, and cousins.

He was preceded in death by his mother, Eleanor Kopp-Wright; father, Al Kopp; and stepfather, Lee Wright; two nephews, Trent Coe and Byron Crown; and brother-in-law, (Doug Grayum). Enjoy that heavenly ride.

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



In Loving Memory Of

Richard "Dik" Alban Kopp

1948 ~ 2016

The family would like you to join them for fellowship and lunch at the St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Church Hall. We thank you for your presence and condolences



The Broken Chain

*We little knew that morning that
God was going to call your name.
In life we loved you dearly.
In death we do the same.*

*It broke our hearts to lose you.
You did not go alone,
for part of us went with you
the day God called you home.*

*You left us peaceful memories.
Your love is still our guide.
And though we cannot see you,
you are always at our side.*

*Our family chain is broken
and nothing seems the same,
but as God calls us one by one,
the Chain will link again.*

In Loving Memory Of

Richard "Dik" Alban Kopp

Born

October 16, 1948
Mott, North Dakota

Died

June 4, 2016
Fort Meade, South Dakota

Funeral Service

Tuesday, June 7, 2016 at 10:00 a.m.
Kinkade Funeral Chapel
Sturgis, South Dakota

Officiating

Father Timothy Castor

Musical Selections

"Wayfaring Stranger"
"The Leader Of The Band"

Pall Bearers

Heath Kopp ~ Justin Kopp ~ Kirk Kopp
Jesse Kopp ~ Dennis Kopp ~ Neil Kopp

Interment

Black Hills National Cemetery
Sturgis, South Dakota