

James A. Schopen

James A. "Jim" Schopen was born in Lead on June 5, 1936, the youngest of six children, to the family of Fred and Martha (Schock) Schopen. He attended St. Patrick's elementary school and graduated from Lead High School in 1955.

Jim was drafted in 1960 and served in the U.S. Army until 1963, stationed in Germany and serving part of his time on the Army ski patrol. Jim was briefly employed by Homestake Mining Co. He later purchased the Twin City Redi-Mix Plant and several other local businesses.

James also became part-owner of the Terry Peak Ski Area and was actively involved in its development and operations. He installed several of the original chairlifts and was instrumental in bringing snowmaking to Terry Peak, which included drilling an 800 foot well to find water below the slopes of Stuart hill. Jim also constructed the Schopenhaus dormitory at the base of Terry Peak, which was later renovated and became one of the ski area's chalets.

James also worked on the demolition of many notable structures in Lead including the Assembly Hall on Lead's Central School Campus, St. Patrick's Catholic Church, the Grier Apartments, Homestake Hospital, and Lead Bakery.

In 1964, James married Judy Gullickson. The couple had two sons, Tony and Scott. He was a loving father and devoted husband, providing diligent care and support to Judy during her long illness. In 2006, Jim was married to Sherry Lewis Toms.

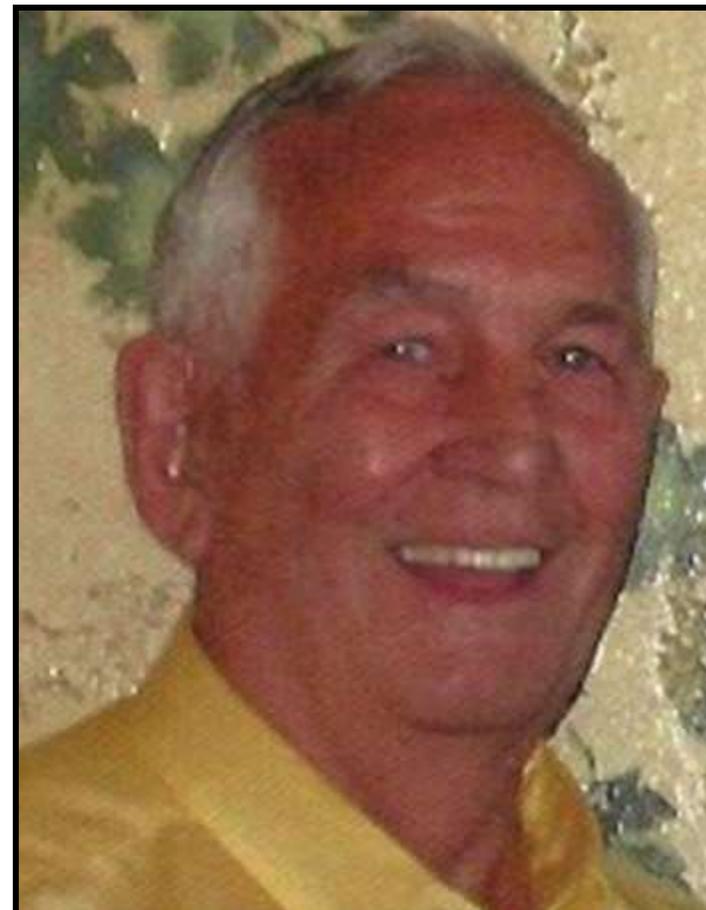
Jim was an avid skier, snowmobiler, and long-time member of the Lead Country Club. He loved to hunt when he was younger and enjoyed exploring the back roads in the Black Hills throughout his life.

Jim passed away on February 13, 2015, due to complications related to Parkinson's.

James is survived by his wife, Sherry of Lead; his sons, Tony and Scott; Tony's wife, Trevor, and grandsons, Tyler, Gage, and Wells of San Francisco; his sisters, Irene Kennison and Dolores Mattson; sisters-in-law, Arlene Schopen and Delores Sentovich; and brother-in-law, Don Olson.

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

In Loving Memory Of



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1936 ~ 2015

*The family invites you to join them for fellowship and refreshments
in the church hall following the memorial service.
We thank you for your presence and condolences.*



Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread;
And forgive us our trespasses,
As we forgive those
Who trespass against us;
And lead us not into temptation,
But deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
And the power, and the glory,
forever and ever.
Amen

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Born

June 5, 1936
Lead, South Dakota

Died

February 13, 2015
Rapid City, South Dakota

Scripture Service

Tuesday, February 17, 2015, at 10:00 a.m.
St. Patrick's Catholic Church

Celebrant

Father Leo Hausmann

First Reading

Richard Mattson ~ Psalm 121

Second Reading

Pam Mattson ~ Romans 10:9-13

Organist

Julie Laurenti

Soloist

Melodee Nelson

Musical Selections

"Amazing Grace" ~ "The Lord's Prayer"
"Fly Like A Bird" ~ "You Are Mine"
"Song Of Farewell"

Military Honors

Sturgis Veteran's Honor Guard

Inurnment

Black Hills National Cemetery