



## **Donald Joseph Oliver**

Donald Joseph Oliver was born to Earl W. Oliver and Goldie (Liston) Oliver on August 20, 1931, in rural Meade County, SD. Donald had 4 siblings; sister, Deloris Smith; brothers, Dale (Lolita) Oliver; John Oliver; Bert (Barb) Oliver.

Donald married his loving and supportive wife, Dottie, on February 21, 1954, in Sturgis. They welcomed 5 children into their lives: Edwin Earl (wid:Candy Meyers) Oliver; Leeann McLaughlin; Peggy Sue (Tom) Rounds; Merri Jo (Arlon) Leetch. They fostered Gary Patrick (wid:Rhonda) McKee into their home as a child. They loved him and called him son.

Donald worked as a janitor at the Meade County Courthouse from 1956 to 1959. Wanting to be his own boss, Donald started Oliver Ditching in 1959 and began building the business and the family home in Boulder Canyon. Donald retired in 2004 and he and Dottie moved to town soon after. Donald kept busy though. He became a handyman for his friend Dr. George Jenter doing tasks that he enjoyed. Donald was a helper. He would help, if he was able, anyone who was in need. Even though Donald was strong and hardworking, he had a kind and gentle soul. Donald always had a smile on his face and loved to laugh. He had a wonderful sense of humor. Donald enjoyed farming, gardening, fishing, and spending time with family. Donald liked all animals but he loved his fat little dog, Baby.

Donald Joseph Oliver went peacefully to gather his rewards in heaven on July 2, 2017, at home surrounded by his loved ones.

Donald is survived by his wife of 63 years, Dottie; daughters, Lee, Peggy, & Merri; sister, Deloris; brothers: Dale, John, and Bert; grandchildren, Travis, Adam, Julie, Joshua, and Ryan Oliver, Autumn Meyers, Collin McLaughlin, Jesse Rounds, Jordan Etherton, Kyle, Skyler, and Dusty Leetch, and Heather McKee; also numerous nieces, nephews, cousins, and great and great-great-grandchildren.

Donald was preceded in death by his parents; sons, Ed & Gary; and beloved granddaughter, Tiffany Winter Oliver.

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



*In Loving Memory Of*

*Donald Joseph Oliver*

*1931 ~ 2017*



***Thanks,  
Dad.....***

***Many men are strong,  
but very few have been able  
to mix the right amount of strength  
with a proportionate amount of gentleness.  
In doing so, you get a man you can admire,  
respect, and look up to, but also a man you  
can talk to who will understand and listen.***

***All our lives our father has given us...  
a feeling of security. No matter where we go  
or what happens to us, we've always known  
he's been back there watching patiently  
should we need him.***

***This security has given us  
the strength to stand  
on our own many times.***

***In Loving Memory Of***

***Donald Joseph Oliver***

***Born***

August 20, 1931  
Rural Meade County, South Dakota

***Died***

July 2, 2017  
Sturgis, South Dakota

***Funeral Service***

Saturday, July 8, 2017, at 2:00 p.m.  
Kinkade Funeral Chapel

***Officiant***

Pastor Michael Smith

***Special Music***

"Daddy's Hands"

***Pallbearers***

Jesse Rounds ~ Josh Oliver ~ Adam Oliver  
Kyle Leetch ~ Skyler Leetch ~ Dusty Leetch

***Honorary Pallbearer***

Ryan Oliver

***Interment***

Bear Butte Cemetery  
Sturgis, South Dakota

*The family invites you to join them for fellowship and lunch at the  
Sturgis Open Bible Church following the committal service.  
We thank you for your presence and condolences.*