



Ole Dean Olson

Ole Dean Olson was born October 9, 1944, in Britton, SD, to Clayton and Delores Olson. He lived in the Langford area until the family moved to Terryville, SD. He graduated from Lead High School where he ran track and played football.

He joined the US Navy in November 1962. He served 27 months in Vietnam. Following his honorable discharge, he stayed in the Reno, NV, area where he worked in the banking industry. His strong love for the Black Hills brought him back to Lead where he worked for the Homestake Mine, worked in the timber logging,

worked at the Old Style as a bartender, worked in construction, ran a bait shop, and later did some taxidermy.

In March of 1977, he married Janis Basel and they moved to the Newell/Vale area. They later moved to the Sturgis area. In 2007, they moved to Northwest Arkansas and returned to the Black Hills in 2017.

His mother passed away when Ole was 3 years old. Mother nature became his mother. He spent his free time wandering the hills, playing with the chipmunks and squirrels, and learning characteristics of the animals in the woods.

Ole's passion was bow hunting. He spent many hours sitting in tree stands observing nature. He named many of the animals that he saw often. He became an excellent marksman with his 270 and the bow, but tracked many an animal. He had a great love for his children, grandchildren, and the Black Hills.



Ole, 73, Lead, died November 4, 2017, at his residence near Lead.

Survivors include his wife, Janis; son, Eric of Springfield, MO; daughter, Kelly and son, Levi, of Lead; stepmother, Lois Olson of Rapid City; stepbrother, David Quaschnick of California; stepsister, Joann Crawford of Texas; sister, Diana Fritz of Arkansas; and sister, Marilyn Jacob of Minnesota; and five grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents; brothers, David Lee, Bruce, George, Doug, and infant twin, Dennis.

A memorial has been established for Mickelson Trail improvements.

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



In Loving Memory Of



Ole Dean Olson

1944 ~ 2017

The family would like to invite you to join them for fellowship, refreshments and desserts in the church hall. We thank you for your presence and condolences.



Always There

When you remember me
Please do not weep
My body may not be there
It has chosen to sleep
I'm not that far away
My soul lives on
Looking down, watching over
You and everyone
And when you feel sad
And life seems so blue
Just remember
That my spirit has its arms around you
And on those special days,
Times that you wish I could see,
That cool breeze flowing past you...
Well, that will be me
So don't be sad
Have no fear
God has taken me under his wing
But I'll always be near
I still watch you
Every minute, every day
My love and soul are with you
And that's where they will stay.

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Born

October 9, 1944
Britton, South Dakota

Died

November 4, 2017
Lead, South Dakota

Memorial Service

Thursday, November 9, 2017, at 2:00 p.m.
Grace Lutheran Church
Sturgis, South Dakota

Officiant

Pastor Kris Garlick

Accompanist

Marlene Kotab

Soloist

Ethan Pauley

Musical Selections

“It’s a Wonderful World”

Military Honors

Sturgis Veterans Honor Guard

Inurnment

Black Hills National Cemetery
Sturgis, South Dakota