



Charles Edward DeLeeuw

Charles "Charlie" Edward DeLeeuw was born in Mankato, MN, on June 10, 1958, to Dutch and Lillian (Mott) DeLeeuw, the fifth born of six children. He spent his early growing up years in Lake Crystal, MN. Charlie lost his left arm at the age of 13 in a hunting accident on October 2, 1971. His family moved to Rapid City, SD, in June of 1972, just days after the Rapid City flood.

After high school, he moved back to Mankato, MN, where he met Debbie Dahlen and they were

married April 18, 1980. Charlie and Debbie raised two children, Heather Dawn and Thomas Charles. They moved to Rapid City in 1982 and have lived in the Black Hills area ever since. Charlie worked as a mechanic and truly enjoyed working at Angel Brothers.

Charlie's favorite things included riding his motorcycle, drag racing, Ford and Coca-Cola collectibles, filling his garage with tools and projects, listening to gospel music, researching war history, going to movies, and serving his family. Charlie lived an extreme life that didn't always agree with the "norm," but he lived big and with joy.



Charlie, 59, died unexpectedly Sunday, November 5, 2017, at his home in Piedmont.

He is survived by his wife, Debbie; daughter, Heather; son, Thomas; three sisters, Mary DeLeeuw (Harlan Christianson), Barb (Steve) Dreyer, and Karen (Tom) Whitehead; and the two shining stars of his life, grandsons, Owen and Shaughn. Gramps, we will miss your jolly laugh.

Charlie was preceded in death by his parents; his brother, Bill; and sister, Joyce.

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



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

In Loving Memory Of



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1958 ~ 2017



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Memorial Service

Friday, November 10, 2017, at 1:00 p.m.
Fountain Springs Church
Rapid City, South Dakota

Officiant ~ Pastor Chris Swarhout

Scripture and Prayer ~ Steve Speiss

Soloist

Brent Parker

Musical Selections

"I Bowed On My Knees and Cried Holy"
"Homesick"

Inurnment

Nemo Cemetery
Nemo, South Dakota

Sometimes I feel alone. Some days are long and hard. But when I look out into the world, I am struck by the impossible beauty of it all. Those billions of magnificent accidents that led us to where we are today, that led us to paper planes and nautilus shells and the tiny, crooked smiles of children. When I think about all the small perfections of the world, I have faith that my time will come. I have faith that someday, a warm light will flood over me and I will find peace.

- Avery Monsen and Jory John

