

Lawrence "Sonny" Ray Gleason



Sonny was a very hard working man he worked many different jobs throughout his life, from helping on the family farm at Red Owl, SD, to the Anaconda copper mine near Butte, MT. He worked for Pappy Hoel in his motorcycle shop, as well as working road construction for a local company in Sturgis, SD. He worked for a time at a family owned implement company and eventually he went to

work for the animal damage control for the South Dakota Dept. of Game, Fish & Parks in February of 1984 until his retirement on February 9, 1996.

Sonny married Lila Eatherton. After her death he married Donna Rush in 1995.

In the early 70's, he was a member of the Jackpine Gypsies Motorcycle Club where he dedicated many hours of service from leading the Southern Hills tour during the Rally to maintaining the short track for races. He was a lifetime member of the NRA as well as The Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation. Sonny was an avid hunter, fisherman, and a well-known trapper. He truly belonged in the great outdoors.

Lawrence "Sonny" Ray Gleason, 83, Spearfish, and formerly of Sturgis, died Tuesday, October 31, 2017, at Edgewood Vista in Spearfish.

Survivors include his wife, Donna; sons, Randall, Rodney, and Robin (Debbie) Gleason; one daughter, Ronda Stephenson; step-children; Misty Myers Blakeman and Marty (Thomas) Myers; eight grandchildren; and numerous great-grandchildren.

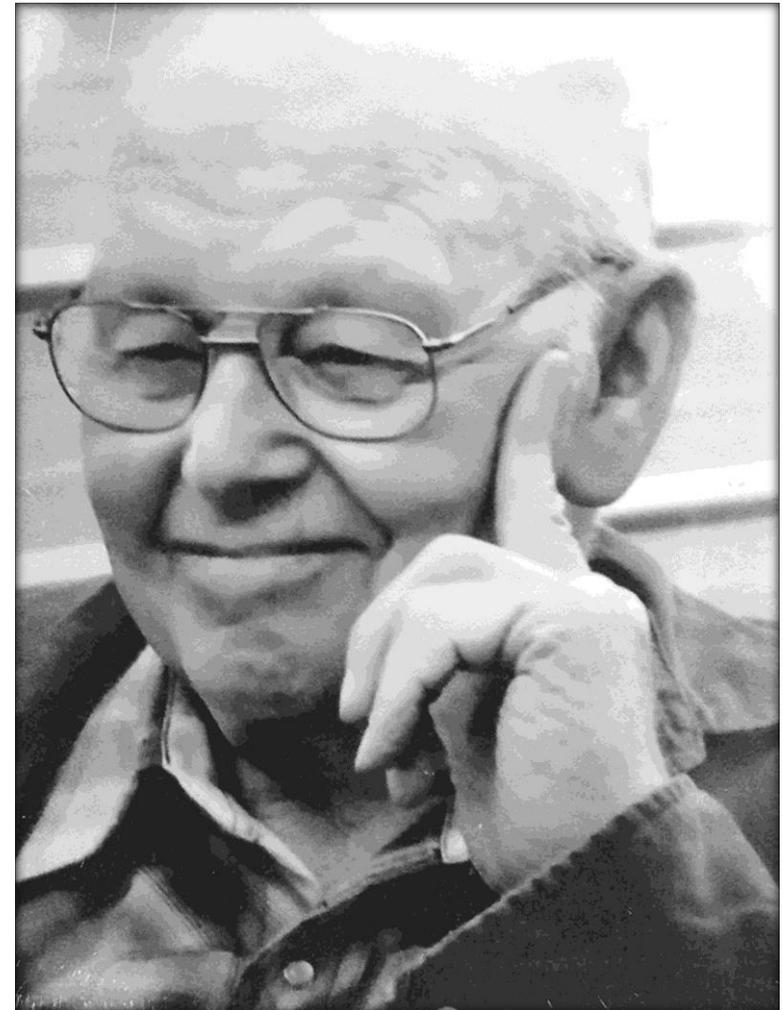
He was preceded in death by his parents and first wife, Lila.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests memorials to the Alzheimer's Foundation and Edgewood Vista.

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



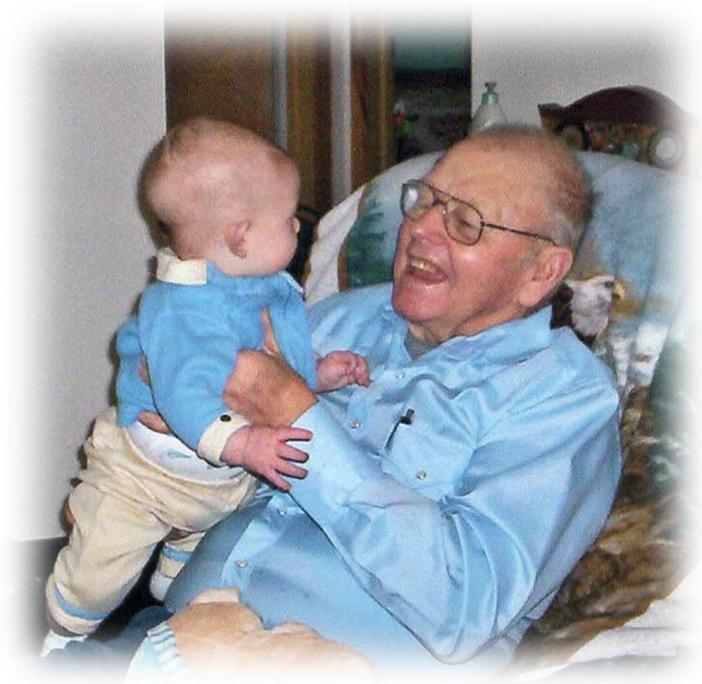
In Loving Memory Of



Lawrence "Sonny" Ray Gleason

1933 ~ 2017

The family would like to invite you to join them for fellowship and lunch following committal at the Vet's Club in Sturgis. We thank you for your presence and condolences.



A Family Man

If someone were to ask me why I'm so proud of you,
I have so many reasons, but here are just a few.
Your caring manner with the kids,
your sacrificing way,
Your knowing life's priorities
In living day to day.
Your goal to give to each of us.
the things we most desire,
Your ability to be that family man
is what I most admire.
And though I rarely say
how much these mean to me
I tell you now with all my heart,
You're everything to me!

In Loving Memory Of ***Lawrence "Sonny" Ray Gleason***

Born

November 23, 1933
Sturgis, South Dakota

Died

October 31, 2017
Spearfish, South Dakota

Memorial Service

Saturday, November 18, 2017, at 1:00 p.m.
Kinkade Funeral Chapel
Sturgis, South Dakota

Officiant

Pastor JR Meadows

Musician

Danny Chapman

Musical Selections

"Silver Wings"
"On the Wings of a Dove"

Honorary Urn Bearers

Ken Johnson ~ Howard Peterson
Jim Trudeau ~ Ed Miller ~ Darrell Pulscher

Inurnment

Bear Butte Cemetery
Sturgis, South Dakota