

*In Loving Memory Of*  
***Darwyn Frank Stebbins***

***Born***  
January 15, 1943  
Bowman, North Dakota

***Died***  
December 23, 2017  
Piedmont, South Dakota

***Vigil***

Tuesday, December 26, 2017, at 7:00 p.m.  
Our Lady of the Black Hills Catholic Church  
Piedmont, South Dakota

***Mass of Christian Burial***

Wednesday, December 27, 2017, at 1:30 p.m.  
Our Lady of the Black Hills Catholic Church

***Celebrant***

Father Andrzej Wyrostek

***Accompanist***

Lorraine Ptacek

***Cantor***

Brad Blauvelt

***Musical Selections***

"One Day At A Time"    "Be Not Afraid"  
"Softly And Tenderly"    "I Am The Bread Of Life"  
"Song Of Farewell"    "On Eagle's Wings"

***Pallbearers***

Frank Stebbins ~ Fred Burk ~ Rodney Braun ~ Kenny Anderson  
Dave McDaniel ~ Terry Moe ~ Tom Sires ~ Corky Brown

***Military Honors***

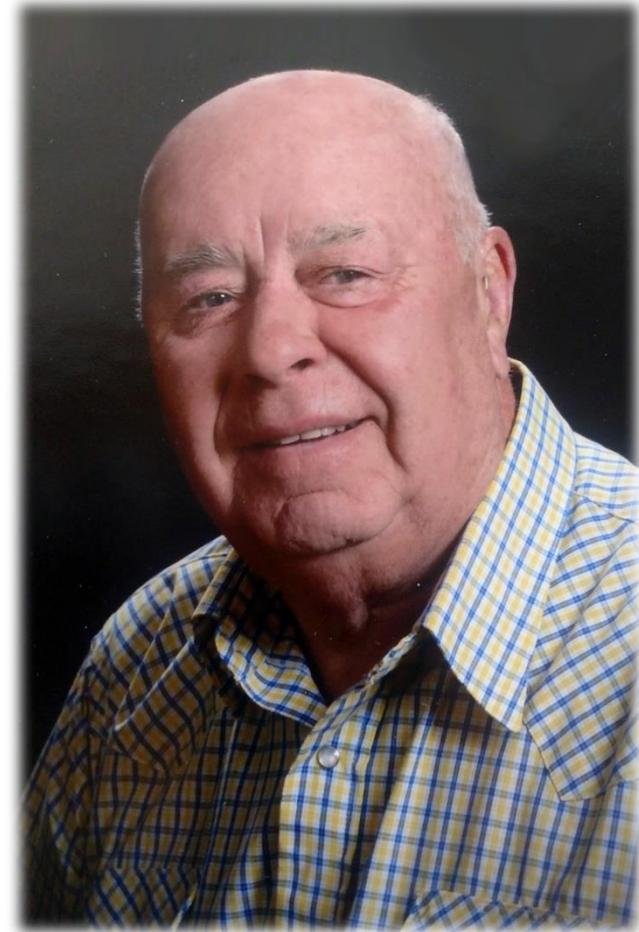
Sturgis Veteran's Honor Guard

***Interment***

Black Hills National Cemetery  
Sturgis, South Dakota

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***1943 ~ 2017***



***Sirach 6:14-15***

*A loyal friend is like a safe shelter;  
find one, and you have found a treasure.  
Nothing else is as valuable;  
there is no way of putting a price on it.*

## Darwyn Frank Stebbins

We are here to celebrate Darwyn's life. Trucking was his life and his hobby. He always felt he wanted to give people a second chance. Over the years he had many friends in his trucking business and working with his brother, his wife, and three children made that the best life. He was a

"Truckers Trucker" with over 2 million miles under his belt.

Harvest time at his daughter and son-in-law's was an enjoyable time. He loved to try and tell them how to do things the North Dakota way, but nobody would listen to him. He loved going to breakfast and happy hour with the locals. He felt like Lake Preston was his second home.

People who knew Darwyn said they wanted to come back as his dogs! He loved all dogs whether they were his or not. He even heated the garage, not for the vehicles, but for the dogs, and had a mattress in there for them to sleep on. They received lots of treats and enjoyed listening to Darwyn talk to them.

Old dogs, children and (black velvet!) watermelon wine.

He loved to travel, sometimes protesting to his wife! They spent their winters in Yuma, AZ, enjoying time with their Canadian friends and cousins. His favorite past time was playing jokes on them.



His children and grandchildren were his life. The grandkids loved to go to breakfast with him whenever they got the chance.

Darwyn spent 2 years in the army and was stationed in Germany. Boy did he have stories to tell. He then returned to Bowman and married Bette, the love of his life, on November 16, 1968. They celebrated 49 years together. If you ask her the order of his loves were 1) Ford pickup 2) Dogs 3) John Deere and 4) his wife. But we all know she was #1.

Nobody had a bigger heart than Darwyn. He was the person that stopped on the road to give assistance to weary travelers who didn't even know him. He was the person who would always say hello to you no matter who



you were. He was the person who would help other people in trouble in whatever way he could. He was not a man seeking riches but was a man rich in kindness, goodness and friendliness to his fellow man. He was the person who never intentionally did harm to man or animal through his words or deeds. He was the person the saying goes that would give the shirt off his back if you needed it. He was not a church going man, but was as much a Christian in his thoughts, words and deeds that a person can be.

Darwyn Frank Stebbins, 74, Piedmont, died Saturday, December 23, 2017, at his home in Piedmont.

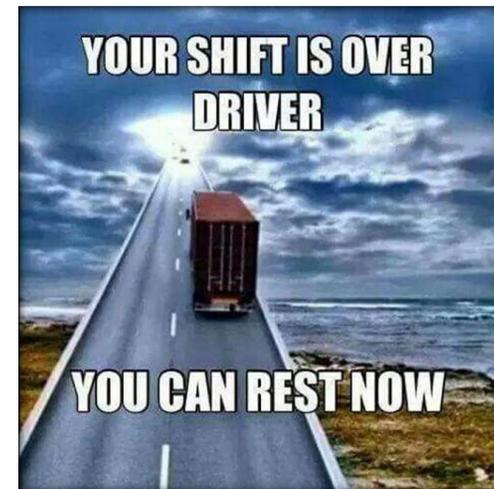
Darwyn is survived by his wife, Bette; son, Wade (Lori); daughter, Jodi (Mike) Tolzin; and son, Scott (Lisa); 7 grandchildren, Derek, Lexi, Amanda, Halie, Evan, Ethan, & Morgan; brother, David (Cathy) Stebbins; father-in-law, Gene Langlee; and tons of nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his mother and father, Lyle & Kathryn Stebbins; and mother-in-law, Jo Langlee.

In lieu of flowers, please make a donation in one of two ways: 1) donate blood as often as possible, Darwyn was long-time donor and received hundreds of units of blood these past two years, 2) Because of his love for animals, donate to your local animal shelter as often as possible.

Please dress casual per Darwyn.

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



*Psalm 112:4-6*  
*Light shines in the darkness for good men,*  
*for those who are merciful, kind, and just.*  
*Happy is the person who is generous with his loans,*  
*who runs his business honestly.*  
*A good person will never fail;*  
*he will always be remembered.*