

John Elmer Cooper

In Loving Memory Of

John was born December 3, 1923, in Newell, SD. weighing only 3lbs when born and living to be 94, he was destined to be great.

John served in the U.S. Navy, 1944 to 1946. In 1947, John married Louise Schreiber, and they were married for 67 years until Louise passed away in April 2015.

John worked at several jobs as a ranch hand, sawmill worker, Homestake Gold Mine and retired from Ft. Meade VA Hospital.

John E. Cooper, 94, passed away December 23, 2017, at David Dorsett Health Care in Spearfish.

John is survived by his four children, Ken (Sharon) Cooper of Sturgis; Bill (Roxie) Cooper of Whitewood; Sandy (Roger) Gillespie of Whitewood; Calvin (Carmen) Cooper of Whitewood; seven grandchildren and their spouses; twelve great-grandchildren and two great-great-grandchildren; sister, Arlene Martin of Dupree; two brothers, Ted Cooper of Sequim, WA; Arthur Cooper of San Bernardino, CA; two sister-in-laws, Johanna Turner of Colorado Springs, CO; Alice Yuill of La Grange, WY; brother-in-law, Fred Schreiber of TX.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Louise; grandson, Tige Cooper; two granddaughters, Lori Natchke and Cody Cooper; two sisters and parents.

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



The family would like to invite you to join them for fellowship and lunch following committal at the Whitewood Community Hall. We thank you for your presence and condolences.

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1923 ~ 2017



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Born

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Died

December 23, 2017
Spearfish, South Dakota

Memorial Service

Tuesday, January 2, 2018, at 10:00 a.m.
Kinkade Funeral Chapel
Sturgis, South Dakota

Officiant

Chaplain Patricia Aurand

Musical Selections

“Go Rest High on That Mountain” “I’ll Fly Away”
“Angels Among Us” “My Dad”

Urn Bearers

Clint Gillespie ~ Steve Gillespie ~ John Cooper
Ken Cooper ~ Brian Cooper ~ Rod Heikes

Honorary Urn Bearers

Shawn Hufstutler ~ Shannon Heikes ~ Donna Cooper
Deza Gillespie ~ Jessica Loobey ~ Sonya Gillespie

Inurnment

Whitewood Cemetery
Whitewood, South Dakota

A Father’s Farewell to His Children

*When I must leave you for a little while,
Please do not grieve and shed wild tears,
And hug your sorrow to you through the years,
But start out bravely with a gallant smile:
And for my sake and in my name
Live on and do all things the same,
Feed not your loneliness on empty days,
But fill each waking hour in useful ways,
Reach out your hand in comfort and in cheer
And I in turn will comfort you and hold you near;
And never, never be afraid to die,
For I am waiting for you in the sky!*

