



John Milton Askew

John Milton Askew was born April 27, 1943, in Sioux Falls, SD, to Milton and Eldene Askew. He graduated high school from Sioux Falls Cathedral in 1961. After high school, John worked for his father at Askew Music in Sioux Falls until hitting the road with his own band, Bluez Beri Jam, playing under the stage name of Johnny Q.

John went to work at the Huron Music Center in Huron, SD, where he met Hank Zeigler. In 1973, John moved to Pierre where he and Hank opened

A&Z Music, a business they operated successfully for more than 30 years. A&Z Music was inducted into the South Dakota Rock and Roll Hall of Fame in April of 2017.

John married Dawn Riegel March 20, 1987, in Deadwood, SD. John and Dawn spent their retirement years in Wichita, KS, where he continued to play music at a local level. John was a devoted husband, father, uncle, and grandfather, and a very talented musician. He was also an avid Minnesota Vikings fan. Throughout John's life, he never knew a stranger.

John, formerly of Pierre, SD, passed away peacefully, surrounded by his family, January 8, 2018, in Wichita, KS.

John is survived by his wife, Dawn, of Sturgis; two children, daughter, Lynda (Scott) Pruett of Keenesburg, CO, and son, Tom (Connie) Askew of Olathe, KS; grandsons, Nick Askew and Mason Askew; step-daughter, Chris (Rick) Jordan of Sturgis; step-son, Troy (Christine) Riegel of Rapid City; grandson, Dustin Jordan; granddaughter, Shannon (Kyle) Brown; grandson, Stone Riegel; great-grandchildren, Isaac Jordan, Christine Jordan, Wyatt Brown, and Allie Brown; nieces and nephews, Pam (Ed) Wilds, Brad Hastings, Brian (Meg) Hastings, Bart (Tammy) Hastings, Barbara (Steve) Kildahl, and Beth Bolstad (Tim Johnson); and countless friends.

John was preceded in death by his parents, Milton and Eldene; and his sister and brother-in-law, Donna and Ken Hastings.

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



In Loving Memory Of



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The family invites you to join them for fellowship and lunch at the Jordan Ranch following the committal service. We thank you for your presence and condolences.



To Those I love and Those Who Love Me

*When I am gone, release me, let me go
I have so many things to see and do
You mustn't tie yourself to me with tears
Be happy that we had so many beautiful years*

*I gave you my love and you can only guess
How much you gave to me in happiness
I thank you for the love you each have shown
But now it's time I traveled on alone*

*So grieve awhile for me, if grieve you must
Then let your grief be comforted by trust
It's only for a while that we must part
So hold the memories within your heart*

*I won't be far away, for life goes on
So if you need me, call and I will come
Though you can't see or touch me, I'll be near
And if you listen with your heart you'll hear
All my love around you, soft and clear
And then when you must come this way alone,
I'll greet you with a smile and say "Welcome Home"*

Author Unknown



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Memorial Service

Monday, February 5, 2018, at 2:00 p.m.
Kinkade Funeral Chapel
Sturgis, South Dakota

Officiant

Pastor John Williamson

Musical Selections

"How Great Thou Art"
Sung by Home Free

"What A Wonderful World"
Sung by John Askew

"Reflections of My Life"
Sung by John Askew

Inurnment

Bear Butte Cemetery
Sturgis, South Dakota