



John Thomas Vancas

John Thomas Vancas was born January 5, 1954, to Francis and Muriel Vancas in Deadwood. John was the youngest of four and grew up in Deadwood with siblings, David, Mark, and Carol.

John enlisted in the US Army in 1971 and served until

1975.

In October of 1974, John met his wife, Joette Rae Burrer. They were married August 5, 1975. To this union, they welcomed three children: Tracy, Stacy, and Mark. John worked at Homestake Mine in Deadwood until they closed their doors in 1998. After that, he went to driving truck; a job that he enjoyed very much. After years of hard work, John retired in 2017. In his free time, John enjoyed camping, fishing, bowling, throwing horseshoes, and spending time with his wife, children, and grandchildren.

John, 64, Whitewood, passed away peacefully surrounded by family on Monday, March 26, 2018, at Lead Deadwood Regional Hospital.

John is survived by his wife, Joette Vancas, Whitewood; children, Tracy Silvernail, Belle Fourche, Mark Vancas, Nisland, and Stacy (Bub) Harrison, Fruitdale; sister, Carol Papka, Dahlonga, GA; brother, David (Florence) Vancas; grandchildren, Shelby (Tanner) Hughes, Whitewood, Anthony Melbye, Spearfish, Mercedes Harrison, Belle Fourche, and Trevor Harrison, Fruitdale.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Francis and Muriel Vancas; brother, Mark Vancas; and great-granddaughter, Tynslee Faye Hughes.

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

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

In Loving Memory Of



John Thomas Vancas

1954 ~ 2018



I'm Free

*Don't grieve for me, for now I'm free
I'm following the path God has laid you see.
I took His hand when I heard His call
I turned my back and left it all.*

*I could not stay another day
To laugh, to love, to work or play.
Tasks left undone must stay that way
I found the peace at the close of day.*

*If my parting has left a void
Then fill it with remembered joys - -
A friendship shared, a laugh, a kiss
Oh yes, these things I too will miss.*

*Be not burdened with times of sorrow.
I wish you the sunshine of tomorrow.
My life's been full, I savored much,
Good friends, good times, a loved one's touch.*

*Perhaps my time seemed all too brief - -
Don't lengthen it now with undue grief.
Lift up your hearts, and peace to thee - -
God wanted me now: He set me free.*

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Born

January 5, 1954
Deadwood, South Dakota

Died

March 26, 2018
Deadwood, South Dakota

Funeral Service

Saturday, March 31, 2018, at 10:00 a.m.
Immanuel Lutheran Church
Whitewood, South Dakota

Officiant

Pastor David Baer

Musical Selections

"The Flashlight" "Grandpa"
"Love Me" "Daddy's Hands"

Pallbearers

Dale Burrer ~ Tanner Hughes ~ Anthony Melbye
Bub Harrison ~ Mark Vancas ~ Elmer Reber
Dennis Silvernail ~ David Vancas

Honorary Pallbearers

Trevor Harrison ~ Carol Papka ~ Mercedes Harrison
Shelby Hughes ~ Tracy Silvernail ~ Stacy Harrison

Interment

Oak Ridge Cemetery
Deadwood, South Dakota