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Arol S. "Bud" Knutson

Born

August 12, 1923
Harding County, South Dakota

Died

April 12, 2018
Rapid City, South Dakota

Celebration Of Life

Friday, May 4, 2018, at 2:00 p.m.
Black Hills National Cemetery
Sturgis, South Dakota

Officiant

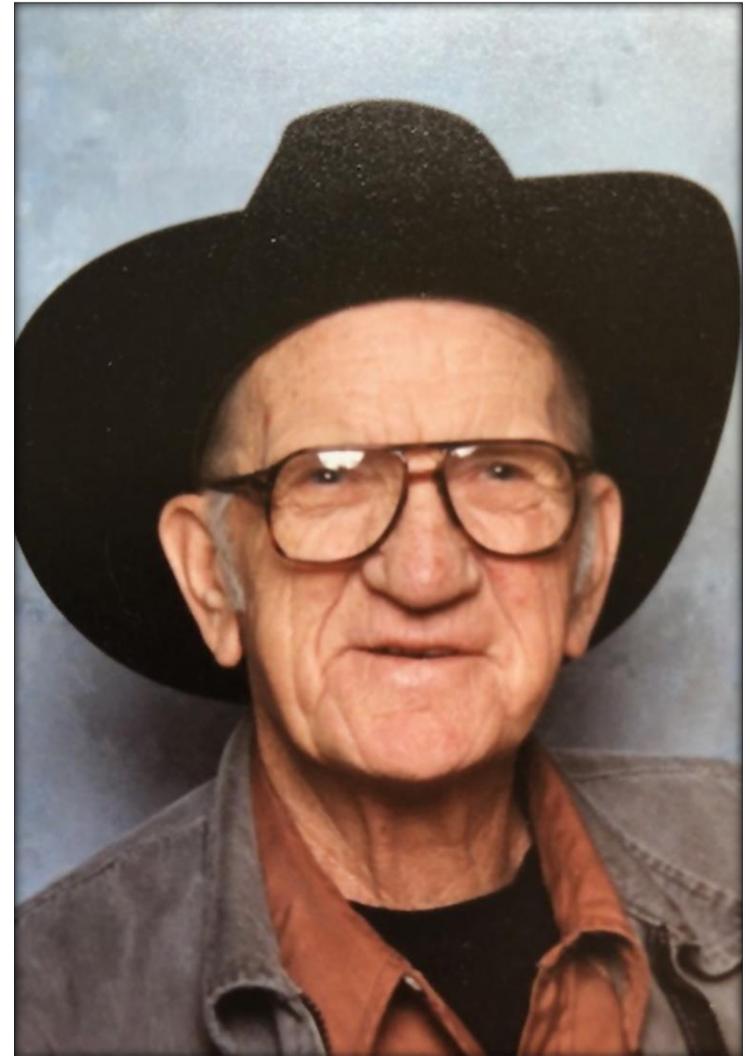
Pastor David Baer

Military Honors

Sturgis Veteran's Honor Guard

Inurnment

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Arol "Bud" Knutson was born August 12, 1923, to parents, Selma and Albert, at their rural homestead in Harding County, SD. He was the oldest boy of 15 children.

Bud was baptized at The Golden Valley Norwegian Lutheran Church (built in 1921) where his uncle donated some land and his family helped build the church. His family farm is very close to where the church is located. He attended a country school and graduated High

School in Hettinger, ND. He was called to service in the Army and was sent to Texas for training. Due to circumstances back home, he was called back to help his mother with the farm, as his father passed away.

Bud met Joyce Ladson (his sweetheart) at a dance and they fell in love, and were later married in Miles City, MT, on June 12, 1948. They had six children, 15 grandchildren, and 18 great-grandchildren. This June, they would have been married 70 years.

Arol "Bud" had a genuine, kind-hearted, soul. He instantly became your friend as soon as you met him. Everyone loved his generosity and warm smile. To family and friends, he was known as everyone's "Bud" or "Buddy" hence the endearing nickname.

Bud was a true Norwegian and took great pride in his heritage. He loved eating lutefisk and Norwegian potato dumplings while telling stories of his family and their travels from the Old Country. He also loved spending time fishing and picnicking. He was extremely fond of Fried Chicken! There was always a bucket of chicken at any function where he was at.

He spent a good part of his life traveling the Western US on road trips with his wife, Joyce, to flea markets, national parks, and state parks. They loved getting in the car/van, with a map in hand, country music on the radio, a full tank of gas, and a bucket of fried chicken between them. No matter what town they found themselves in, they would always find someone selling vanilla ice cream cones, and would pull over next to a nice shady tree and remanence about the good times.

Arol "Bud" was extremely fond of country music, and he loved to play the piano and steel guitar. There are many memories of him playing

country music in the house along with family. Often, his children would bring him country music tapes/CD's to listen to. He also enjoyed science and learning about the universe, loved talking about cars, and playing Bingo and slot machines.

But most of all, Bud was true family man. He loved his wife, Joyce, and family with all his heart. Nothing meant more to him than the love of family.

Arol S. Knutson, 94, Spearfish, passed away April 12, 2018, at Rapid City Regional Hospital.

He is survived by his wife, Joyce, of Spearfish; 3 brothers, James, Junior, and Gary; and 3 sisters, Gayle, Mabel, and Louise. Arol "Bud" and Joyce had 6 children, Redgee, Ava, Faye, Lance (deceased), Bonnie, and Monty.

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



The family invites you to join them for fellowship and lunch at the American Legion Post 311, 101 Pine Street, Piedmont, SD, following the committal service.

We thank you for your presence and condolences.