



## **Kurt Douglas Cruickshank**

Kurt was born February 24, 1951, in South Bend, Indiana, to Donald and Shirley (Riggs) Cruickshank. Kurt graduated from Jackson High School in South Bend in 1969. He loved the sport of football, playing all 4 years of high school.

After graduating high school, Kurt attended Indiana State University majoring in Sociology and then went on to attend Pikes Peak College obtaining a degree in Police Science and an Associate's Degree in General Studies. He completed his Peace Officer Certification in Indiana, Colorado, and South Dakota. He was also certified as a Fire Fighter I and II and as a Wildland

Fire Fighter. He also served as a 32 Degree Mason.

Kurt married the love of his life, Peggy Maier, on July 31, 1971. This marriage was blessed with 2 children: son, Shawn, and daughter, Rebecca.

In 1974, Kurt and Peggy both joined the U.S. Army on the "Buddy System." Kurt served 3 years of active duty as a Military Police Officer.

Kurt retired from the Sturgis Police Department in November 2003. Thereafter, he continued working for non-profit animal rescue organizations, and participated in the rescue efforts and care of animals during disasters from 2003 thru 2017. He was one of the Founders of the South Dakota Animal Control Association. He was a real animal lover! Even after retiring from the Sturgis PD, he continued his police work as a reserve officer for Butte County Sheriff Department.

Kurt loved spending time with family and friends. He loved life enjoying fishing, camping, hunting, 4-wheeling, and gold panning. He loved talking to people. If he didn't know you at the start of a conversation, he knew you when it ended.

Kurt had four grandchildren, which meant the world to him. He dearly loved Colton and Connor Cruickshank and Jacob and Kiley Mellum. He and his grandkids always had fishing contests of who would be the lucky one to catch the BIG fish and who would catch the mini fish.

Kurt Douglas Cruickshank, 67, of Sturgis, passed away on April 27, 2018, at Saint Mary's Mayo Hospital in Rochester, MN.

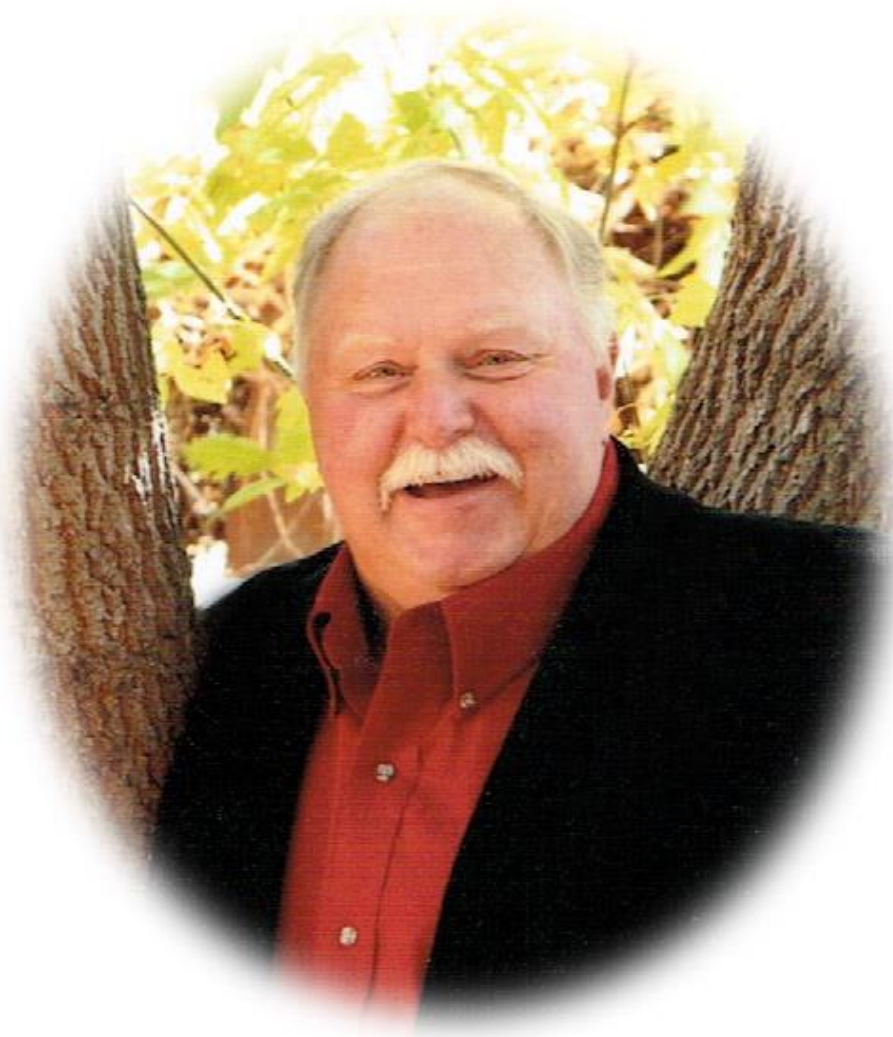
He is survived by his loving wife of 46 years, Peggy, of Sturgis, SD; his son, Shawn (Cindy) Cruickshank of Piedmont, SD; his daughter, Rebecca (Shay) Mellum of Rapid City, SD; four grandchildren, Colton and Connor Cruickshank and Jacob and Kiley Mellum; his aunt, Nancy Gorski; brothers-in-law; sisters-in-law; and many cousins, nieces, and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents.

Memorials have been established to American Legion Post # 33 Sturgis Titans / Scoopers and Black Hills Rapid Soccer.

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

*In Loving Memory Of*



***Kurt Douglas Cruickshank***

***1951 ~ 2018***

*The family would like to invite you to join them for fellowship and lunch at the Vet's Club in Sturgis following the committal. We thank you for your presence and condolences.*



***Do Not Stand At My Grave and Weep***  
*Mary Elizabeth Frye*

*Do not stand by my grave and weep  
I am not there; I do not sleep.  
I am a thousand winds that blow,  
I am the diamond glints on snow,  
I am the sun on ripened grain,  
I am the gentle autumn rain.  
When you awaken in the morning's hush,  
I am the swift uplifting rush  
Of quiet birds in circled flight.  
I am the soft stars that shine at night.  
Do not stand at my grave and cry,  
I am not there; I did not die.*

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***Kurt Douglas Cruickshank***

***Born***

February 24, 1951  
South Bend, Indiana

***Died***

April 27, 2018  
Rochester, Minnesota

***Memorial Service***

Monday, May 7, 2018, at 10:00 a.m.  
Kinkade Funeral Chapel  
Sturgis, South Dakota

***Officiant***

Pastor Harold Delbridge

***Musical Selections***

"Amazing Grace"  
"Daddy's Hands"

***Urnbearers***

Colton Cruickshank ~ Connor Cruickshank  
Jacob Mellum ~ Kiley Mellum

***Honorary Urnbearers***

Roy Best ~ Duane Walburg ~ Dana VanValin  
Ron Koan ~ Shay Mellum ~ Gary Stevenson

***Military Honors***

Sturgis Veteran's Honor Guard

***Inurnment***

Black Hills National Cemetery  
Sturgis, South Dakota