



## Neil David Mutchler

Neil was born October 30, 1936, at Burke, SD, to the late Ira "Shy" and Leta (Duerfeldt) Mutchler.

He graduated from Newell High School in 1954. He married Margaret Bauer on December 15, 1959, in Miles City, MT. Neil and Margaret made their home on Sulphur Creek at Mud Butte, SD, and ranched until 1979, when they moved to Spearfish. They purchased and operated Lantern Estates Trailer Court. Neil worked for UTI and Savage Industries driving truck during these same years. He retired from Savage

Industries in 1999.

He will be remembered for his love of cards and a good cribbage game. If he got beat, you can bet he would be playing a few more winning games, just to make sure he was even. He was an avid sports fan and was a dedicated Newell Irrigator Basketball fan. He didn't miss a game, even during snow storms. He loved attending his grandchildren's sporting events and traveled many miles to watch them compete in basketball and rodeo. Neil loved rodeo, both participating and watching. He was well known by all the kids at the rodeos for his green Trident gum and was fondly remembered as "Grandpa Neil" by many.



He was a life-long Cubbies fan and had a great time attending a Cubs vs. Rockies game in 2017 with his children and grandchildren. Neil never met a stranger. He made friends everywhere he went.

Neil David Mutchler died Sunday, May 20, 2018, in Sturgis after a brief illness.

Neil is survived by his wife of 58 years, Margaret Mutchler; sons, Marvin (Tekka) Mutchler of Whitewood, SD, Bill (Tricia) Mutchler of Douglas, WY, and JD (Danelle) Mutchler of Newell, SD; grandchildren, Amanda (Rich) Ellis, Jeff (Jennifer) Mutchler, ShyAnn Mutchler, Dagen Mutchler, Adessa Mutchler, Cassidy



Mutchler, Baillie Mutchler, Tyler Mutchler (fiance' Jordynn Schmautz), Megan (Ryan) Dix, Prestyn Novak (Brandi Cwach), and Caleb Mutchler; and six great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents; mother and father-in-law, George "Ole" and Doris Bauer; an infant daughter, Mary Ann in 1961; a brother, Elwood; and his very special horse, Blue.

A memorial fund is being established to the Meade County 4-H rodeo.

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



## *In Loving Memory Of*



## *Neil David Mutchler*

*1936 ~ 2018*

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



### **COWBOY'S PRAYER**

O Lord, I've never lived where churches grow:  
I've loved creation better as it stood  
That day You finished it, so long ago  
And looked upon Your work and called it good.

Just let me live my life as I've begun!  
And give me work that's open to the sky:  
Make me a partner of the wind and sun,  
And I won't ask a life that's soft and high.

Make me as big and open as the plains;  
As honest as the horse between my knees;  
Clean as the wind that blows behind the rains;  
Free as the hawk that circles down the breeze.

Just keep an eye on all that's done and said;  
Just right me sometime when I turn aside;  
And guide me on the long, dim trail ahead - -  
That stretches upward towards the Great Divide.

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## ***Neil David Mutchler***

### ***Born***

October 30, 1936  
Burke, South Dakota

### ***Died***

May 20, 2018  
Sturgis, South Dakota

### ***Funeral Service***

Friday, May 25, 2018, at 11:00 a.m.  
LifeSpring Wesleyan Church  
Sturgis, South Dakota

### ***Officiants***

Pastor Harold Delbridge  
Pastor Jil Jennewein

### ***Musician***

Arlie Hulm

### ***Musical Selections***

“Grandpa” “Go Rest High on That Mountain”  
“In The Garden”

### ***Pallbearers***

Charlie Russell ~ Faye Mutchler ~ Dick Keil  
Pete Bauer ~ Tyler Mutchler ~ Caleb Mutchler  
Prestyn Novak ~ Jeff Mutchler

### ***Honorary Pallbearers***

All Family, Friends and Neighbors

### ***Interment***

Bear Butte Cemetery  
Sturgis, South Dakota