



John Peter Kraft

John Peter Kraft was the fifth child of eight of Peter and Pauline Kraft. He was born and raised on the family farm outside Selfridge, ND. He went into the service 1952 and was honorably discharged in 1960 from the US Army as a Corporal E-4, ER 55 233 951, AMEDS, ASAR.

In 1955, John married LaVonne Harrison and to that union, three children were born, Linda, Shirley and Melody. He later moved to

Lead, SD, and was employed at Homestake Mining Company where he retired. But being the hard-working man he was, he went to work as maintenance for Central City, SD, where he resided and could be found mowing, weed eating, snow plowing, and tinkering in the garage.

He was a member of the Moose Lodge where a dance and great time could be had. John also was an active member in the VFW Post 5969 where he could be found on Wednesday burger nite.

John loved to fish, hunt, dance, camp, play cards, snowmobile, shoot pool, and pitch horseshoes. While in the service, he took up boxing. John also enjoyed spending time with his family and friends. He was also a good joker and teaser!

John 88, Central City, died Saturday, June 2, 2018, at the Dept. of Veterans Affairs, Fort Meade.

John is survived and will be greatly missed by his daughters, Shirley and Mike Strang and Melody and Brian Nelson; grandchildren, Brianna and Matthew McCroden, Casey Nelson, Schelli and Doug Hardesty, and Michael and Marie Strang; great-grandchildren, Payton, Keaten, Kinsly, Shantel, Jessica, Kyle, Ashlin, and Esther; great-great-grandchild, Kynlee; brothers, Joe, Pete (Ann), and Matt (Jeanie); several nieces and nephews; and his fiancée, Eveyln Quenzer.

He was preceded in death by his first born, Linda; his parents, Peter and Pauline; sisters, Wally, Stephena, and Theresa; and brother, Jack.

A memorial has been established.

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

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

In Loving Memory Of



John Peter Kraft

1930 ~ 2018



He'll Always Be Remembered

*He'll always be remembered
As a man, both strong and good,
Who gave his best for others
And who did the best he could.
He'll always be remembered
For all the joy he brought,
As a man who made a difference
And a man who meant a lot.*



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

April 11, 1930
Selfridge, North Dakota

Died

June 2, 2018
Fort Meade, South Dakota

Funeral Service

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

Officiant

Rev. Bruce Baum

Musical Selections

"Dancing In The Sky"
"Amazing Grace"

Pallbearers

Casey Nelson ~ Matt McCroden ~ Chuck Wuitschick
Michael Strang ~ Vern Kraft ~ Todd Harter

Military Honors

Sturgis Veterans Honor Guard

Interment

Black Hills National Cemetery
Sturgis, South Dakota