

Albert Donald Erfman

Albert "Donald" Erfman was born October 23, 1934, to Henry and Edna (Stock) Erfman in Howard, SD. He was the oldest of 13 children and grew up on his Uncle Bud's farm near Howard.

He enlisted in the US Army National Guard on March 16, 1953, and was also a member of the SD National Guard. He was an expert marksman and served as a Motor Sgt. Don was honorably discharged from the US Army in 1961.

Don was a jack of many trades and enjoyed visiting with anyone. When he was young, he worked as a ranch hand and worked around Deadwood.

He met his wife, Carla Lindstrom, while he was working for a horse trainer and she was a student at SDSU in Brookings, SD. Don and Carla were married on January 27, 1956, in Brookings. In 1959, Don and Carla lost their cabin in the Deadwood Fire.

Don loved working with cattle, animal nutrition, and ran cattle in Gettysburg, Maurine, Stoneville, and Whitewood. Don worked for other feed companies before opening and operating Hi-Plains Nutrition. He was very proud of his business.

He loved playing cribbage with his grandsons. Don was an avid solitaire player as well. He enjoyed watching and coaching his grandchildren while participating in sports. Don enjoyed living at Aspen Grove, and playing a variety of games with other residents.

Don, 83, Whitewood, died Monday June 4, 2018, at the Aspen Grove Assisted Living in Sturgis. Dad had battled with cancer for more than 10 years. He kept on working when he could and persevered. He moved to Aspen Grove Assisted Living in April and was happy there.

He was a wonderful husband, dad, grandpa, and great-grandpa. RIP-you have earned your wings.

He is survived by his wife of 62 years, Carla; his son, David (Phyllis) Erfman, Sturgis; daughters, Lisa (Mark) Williams, Whitewood, and Lori (Tim) Patrick, Whitewood; grandchildren, Jeremy, Sheena, and Amy Hannah, Luke and Sam Erfman, and Ian Williams; seven great-grandchildren; siblings, Bill (Shirley) Erfman, Colorado, Elaine Kasdorf, Sioux Falls, Fred Erfman, Colorado, Darrell (Butch) Erfman, Newell, Rod Erfman, Colorado, Cheryl (John) Daugaard, Sioux Falls, Hank Erfman, Sioux Falls, Bobby Erfman, Pennsylvania, Gary (Teri) Erfman, Iowa, Chip (Marilee) Erfman, Sioux Falls, Marlene (Greg) Alderman, Sioux Falls, and Diana Leuth, Sioux Falls.

He was preceded in death by his parents; in-laws, Stanley and Winnifred Lindstrom; and grandson, Paul Erfman.

Memorials have been established to the St. Aloysius Cemetery Fund, the Retired Priest Fund, and the Priest Seminarian Fund.

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

In Loving Memory Of



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1934 ~ 2018

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



A Cowboy's Psalm

*The Lord is my Trail Boss; I shall be led in all I do:
He makes my bedroll soft in the Grama Grass.
The waters of his creeks sing to me;
He keeps me honest and respectable
and I give Him the praise. Even though I ride
into the canyon with the memory of death,
I am not afraid. You, O lord, are with me.
Your rope and your saddle, they reassure me.
You sent the chuckwagon
with beans and a coffee pot
when the winds and snow had chilled me to the bone.
You lead my horse safely, even on the darkest night!
You sure aren't gonna let trouble
and pain buck me off now.
And Lord, call me for that Big Roundup.
I'll give you a hand as long as
the sun and the stars are in the sky.*

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Born

October 23, 1934
Howard, South Dakota

Died

June 4, 2018
Sturgis, South Dakota

Vigil with Rosary

Friday, June 8, 2018, at 7:00 p.m.
Kinkade Funeral Chapel
Sturgis, South Dakota

Officiant ~ Deacon Raul Daniel

Mass of Christian Burial

Saturday, June 9, 2018, at 10:00 a.m.
St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Church
Sturgis, South Dakota

Celebrant ~ Father Timothy Castor

Organist ~ Dr. Barry Furze

Soloist ~ Myron Volk

Musical Selections

"I Can Only Imagine" "Amazing Grace"
"Prayer Of St. Francis" "The Old Rugged Cross"
"Ave Maria" "How Great Thou Art"

Pallbearers

Sheena Hannah ~ Amy Hannah ~ Ian Williams
Luke Erfman ~ Sam Erfman

Honorary Pallbearers

All Great-Grandchildren

Interment

St. Aloysius Cemetery
Sturgis, South Dakota