

February 26, 2009

## The Life of Merle Emil Anderson

- Merle E. Anderson, 65, died Monday, Feb. 16, 2009, at his home in Sioux Falls.
- Merle Emil Anderson was born October 26, 1943, at Britton, to Emil and Marion (Nelson) Anderson. He attended school in Pierpont, graduating in 1961. Merle proudly served in the United States Air Force as a Jet Aircraft Mechanic and he remained very patriotic until his death. Merle married Loretta Hope Warne On July 23, 1975. They lived in several areas of South Dakota before settling in Sioux Falls in 2002, due to Merle's failing health. Merle enjoyed playing cards, collecting guns and wartime memorabilia, and listening to music. His favorite times were spent with family. He was especially happy when his grandchildren moved back to Sioux Falls in 2008. Merle cherished the love and com



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- Survivors are his wife, Loretta, of Sioux Falls; his daughters, Carla (John) Swartz, of Sioux Falls, and Candace Anderson, also of Sioux Falls; his grandson, Chad Schwartz and granddaughter, Kristin Schwartz, both of Sioux Falls; his mother, Marion (Nelson) Anderson of Groton; his daughters from a previous marriage, Melanie Anderson of Aberdeen, Yvette Anderson of Sioux Falls, Jacquita Vetter of Redfield; and several grandchildren; his brother, Daivid (Linda) Anderson of Groton; his sisters, Carol (Mick Sippel) Anderson, of Groton; and Nancy (Brian) Sundstrom, of Groton; and several nieces; nephew; and cousins.
- Merle was preceded in death by his son, Chad Ryann Anderson, and his father, Emil Anderson.
- His funeral was held at Falnes Lutheran Church, rural Langford, with the Rev. Charlie Bunk officiating. Interment was at the Falnes Cemetery with the Honor Guard present.
- Casketbearers were Clinton Vetter, Derek Vetter, Todd Anderson, Wade Anderson, Trent Anderson, Jesse Anderson, Steve Warne, Jerome Olson. Honorary Casketbearers were David Anderson, Donald Buss, Richard Bollwerk, Jimmy Cooper.

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Funeral service was Friday, Feb. 20, 2009 at Falnes Lutheran Church, rural Langford. Interment was in the Falnes Cemetery. Visitation was Thursday at the Miller Funeral Home, Sioux Falls.

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