



## Lewis "Lewey" Kruger

September 9, 1954 - August 12, 2021

Lewis "Lewey" Kruger, 66, of Lennox, SD, died Thursday, August 12, 2021 at Sanford USD Medical Center, Sioux Falls, SD following a short battle with cancer.

Lewis Lee Kruger was born on September 9, 1954, at Valley Springs, SD, the son of Harvey and Carol (Petit) Kruger. He grew up and attended school in Luverne, MN, Woodstock, MN, Pipestone, MN and Trout Haven, SD, before returning to Luverne. After high school, Lewis earned a degree in heavy equipment operation in South Carolina.

On September 3, 1971, he was united in marriage to Barbara Kafka in Sioux Falls. The couple lived in Luverne, Sioux City, IA, Ricketts, IA, Beaver Creek, MN and Sioux Falls before making their home in Lennox for the past 33 years. Lewis began work erecting silos, then as a welder, farmer, garage door installer and general contractor. He then began a 37 year career in diesel mechanics for J & W Diesel and Truck Services, Sioux Falls.

Lewey was a devoted husband and father whose passion was helping family or friends in need. He was a self taught fixer and inventor of anything that could be constructed or driven. From specialty tools to custom tree houses, go carts or adult big wheels, he could build it or fix it. He enjoyed wood working and then painting his projects. He loved camping, travel and motorcycles. Lewey had parasailed in the past and was obsessed with anything ice cream- especially fudge bars.

He was preceded in death by his father, Harvey and one brother Paul Kruger.

Grateful for having shared his life are his wife of nearly 50 years, Barb; children: Shannon Kruger, Lewis "Rusty" Kruger both of Springfield, SD and Amanda Kruger (Tony Barnes) of Harrisburg; seven grandchildren: Skye, Hayden, Payton "Paypay", Payton, Kaden, Colton and Ethan; great-grandson, Kasen; his mother, Carol (Bill) Poppenga, Lennox; siblings: Dean (Deb) Kruger, Brandon, Kathy (Charlie) Crow, Lake Crystal, MN, John Kruger, Warsaw, MO, Bill (Donna) Kruger, Sioux Falls, Trudy (Dave) Tollefson, Dunedin, FL, Robbie (Gigi) Moore, Lennox and sister-in-law, Barb Kruger, Baltic, as well as a host of other relatives and friends.

Memorial services will begin at 11:00 a.m. Wednesday, August 18, at Central Church, 3102 Ralph Rogers Rd, Sioux Falls. Visitation with the family present will be 5 to 7 p.m. Tuesday at Dindot-Klusmann Funeral Home, Lennox.

# Tribute Wall

MA

“ *Barb, I am so sorry for your loss. Sending prayers for peace and strength.*

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**Mary (Galagan) Arnold** - August 17, 2021 at 12:00 AM

RF

“ *Rest in peace my friend*



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**Rick and Bev Fischer** - August 16, 2021 at 12:00 AM

DJ

“ *I'm so sorry for your loss Barb.*

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**Deb Joffer** - August 16, 2021 at 12:00 AM

PB

“ *First, my deepest condolences to Barb and family. I remember Lewey fondly, I thought he was a great guy, funny, compassionate, daring and independent. For all that knew him, he will be greatly missed. RIP Lewey.*

*Paula (Bentson) Kolander*

*I feel your loss, Barb, I also lost my mate this spring. Grieving is the price you pay for loving. God Bless.*

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**Paula Bentson** - August 15, 2021 at 12:00 AM

RO

“ Sorry to hear of Lewey's passing. He was great. He would help you if you ever needed anything, I did talk to him and Barb at our 30th class reunion. He was a cool dude. We had in fun school.

rick olson - August 15, 2021 at 12:00 AM

BR

“ So sorry to hear this. You are all in our thoughts and prayers. Lewis will always be remember for his friendly attitude. He will be missed.



Bill and Cindy Reu - August 15, 2021 at 12:00 AM

AT

“ So sorry on your loss of Lewy. Time flies so fast can't keep track of the kids any more! Our thoughts and prayers go out to all of your family.



Amanda Thorson - August 14, 2021 at 12:00 AM

GW

“ Our deepest sympathy to you and your family at this difficult time. Prayers for you lifted.  
Greg and Cheryl

Greg and Cheryl Wodzinski - August 14, 2021 at 12:00 AM

CR

“ I couldn't have asked for a better brother-in-law. He was always helping others, both family and friends. He loved my sister dearly. It was always Barbie and no one else. The cruises we went on together were always a great time. You could find Lewey eating ice cream somewhere at least once or twice a day! Like me, he loved hot spicy foods. One bite of his chili though one day was the first and last bite I ever took! He was also a great card player. Whenever Lewey, Barb, Chuck, and myself played, he usually won. Both Chuck and I are going to miss him dearly. Our condolences to the Kruger family.

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**Chuck & Rita Robinson** - August 14, 2021 at 12:00 AM

SO

“ Always had a great time when him and the rest of the crew would come out hunting. Know he will de greatly missed.

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**Shelli Ohlrogge** - August 14, 2021 at 12:00 AM

GH

“ Thinking of u as u go thru this difficult loss.  
Sending prayers, hugs & love to u all



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**Gayle hartz** - August 13, 2021 at 12:00 AM