



Merle Klinghagen

August 14, 1948 - July 14, 2012

Merle Klinghagen, 63, of Chancellor, South Dakota, died Saturday, July 14, 2012 at the Royal C. Johnson Veterans Administration Medical Center, Sioux Falls. Merle Duane Klinghagen was born on August 14, 1948, in Sioux Falls, South Dakota, the son of George and Lucille (Heiden) Klinghagen. He grew up in the Hartford area and graduated from Worthing High School. On December 4, 1968 he entered the U.S. Army where he served during the Vietnam War until his honorable discharge on July 8, 1970. Merle became a finish carpenter and had worked for Sioux Falls Construction for the past 27 years. On May 24, 2012 he married Sharon Bond at Parker, South Dakota. The couple made their home in Chancellor. Merle was a member of Bertus-Jurgens American Legion Post #283 in Chancellor. He enjoyed hunting, fishing and riding motorcycle. Besides his parents, Merle was preceded in death by one brother, Robert Klinghagen. Grateful for having shared his life are his wife Sharon "Sherri" Bond, Chancellor; his children: Kandi (Darrin) Fullerton, Wichita, KS and Scott (Christina) Klinghagen, Chancellor; his step-children: David Kracke, Madison, Ray Kracke, Davis, Kip Bond, Parker and Bobbi Bond, Dell Rapids; four grandchildren: Alexander and Isabella Fullerton, Tyson Klinghagen and Kayler Johnson; 11 step-grandchildren; siblings: Harlan (Jan) Klinghagen, Parker, Harvey (Sue) Klinghagen, Parker and Lila Best, Minneapolis, MN as well as other relatives and friends. Visitation will be from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. Friday, July 20, at Dindot-Klusmann Chapel in Lennox.

Tribute Wall

LB

“ *To Merle's Family*

*Our Deepest Sympathy is with you in your time of Sorrow.
I am Merle's cousin, our mothers were sisters.*

Lynda(Ellens)& Terry Boxdorfer

Lynda Boxdorfer - August 03, 2012 at 12:00 AM

LA

“ *Our deepest sympathy for the family.*

La Vonne and Louie Archuletta - August 01, 2012 at 12:00 AM

DP

“ *So sorry to hear about your loss, my thoughts and prayers to all of you.*

Deb Postma - July 25, 2012 at 12:00 AM

LS

“ *Scott,
Sorry to hear about the passing of your dad. Your family has my sympathy. I truly enjoyed working with and around him whenever Electric Supply had a job with Sioux Falls Const. Merle was a proud parent and craftsman. He will be missed. Larry Schuler*

Larry Schuler - July 20, 2012 at 12:00 AM

VE

“ *Kandi and Scott,
You have my deepest sympathy for the loss of your father. I wish I could be there to express this directly to you. Just know that I am thinking about you.*

Vern

Vern Erickson - July 20, 2012 at 12:00 AM

SE

“ *To Merle's Family,*

My thoughts and prayers are with you at this time. I worked with Merle for many years at Sioux Falls Construction, he was a good person with a big heart. May your memories keep your hearts warm.

Shelley B. Ellingson - July 18, 2012 at 12:00 AM

JW

“ *Scott & Family,*

We are sorry to hear of your loss. We are sending our prayers and thoughts during this tough time.

Jason, Bobbe & Amanda Wingert

Jason Wingert - July 17, 2012 at 12:00 AM