

To Those I Love And Those Who Love Me

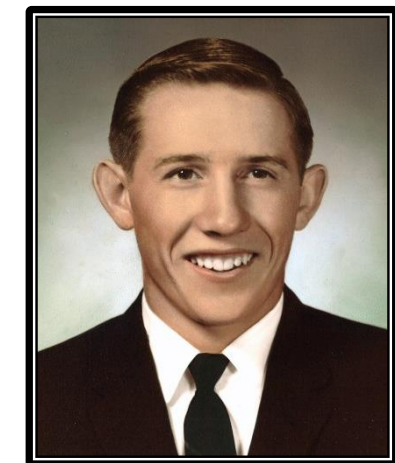
When I am gone, release me, let me go,
I have many things to see and do
You mustn't tie yourself to me with tears.
Be happy that we had so many years.

I gave to you my love. You can only guess
How much you gave me in happiness
I thank you for the love
you each have shown
But now it's time I traveled on alone.

So grieve a while for me, if grieve you must;
Then let your grief be comforted by trust.
It's only for a time that we must part,
So bless the memories that lie
within your heart.

I won't be far away, for life goes on.
So if you need me call and I will come
Though you can't see me or
Touch me I'll be near.
And if you listen with your
heart you will hear
All of my love around
you soft and clear.

And then, when you come
this way alone....
I'll greet you with a
smile and say
"WELCOME HOME"




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In Loving Memory Of

Dana John Vail

January 15, 1947
Gettysburg, South Dakota

August 5, 2014
Gettysburg, South Dakota

PRAYER SERVICE - 5:00 p.m., Sunday, August 10, 2014
Masonic Lodge ~ Gettysburg, South Dakota

MASS OF CHRISTIAN BURIAL - 10:30 a.m., Monday, August 11, 2014
Sacred Heart Catholic Church ~ Gettysburg, South Dakota

OFFICIATING - Fr. Jerry Kopel

LECTOR - Don Hericks

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER - Suzie Vail

OFFERTORY - Dan & Bev Thomas

EULOGIST - Terry Voeltz

PLACING OF THE PALL - Dana's Family

ALTAR SERVERS - Elliot & Dillion Talks

HONORARY CASKETBEARERS

Ronnie Larson, Sonny LaBeau, Mike Clark,
Gary Lowinske, Mick Bliese, Rich LaRosh

ORGANIST - Gail Larson

SOLOIST - Cory Niles

HYMNS

"Be Not Afraid" "Before the Throne of God"
"I'll Fly Away & This World is Not My Home"
"Victory in Jesus" "Song of Farewell" "Be Thou My Vision"

INURNMENT

Springs Cemetery ~ Tolstoy, South Dakota

Dana Vail, 67, of Gettysburg, passed away Tuesday, August 5, 2014 at his home in Gettysburg with his wife and daughters by his side; after fighting a long and courageous battle with cancer.

On January 15, 1947 at 12:30p.m., no two parents could have been more proud when their only child, a baby boy named Dana John, was born.

Dana grew up in the public eye, hanging out with his mom at her drugstore, where he became a bit of a social person. He attended Gettysburg Elementary and High School, where he was a member of the 12 year club. He participated in football, basketball and band. After graduation, Dana attended SDSU at Brookings, NDSU at Ellendale, ND and Northern State University at Aberdeen. In Dana's last year at college, he realized he just wanted to return home to farm with his dad. Dana farmed with him until his death in 1987.

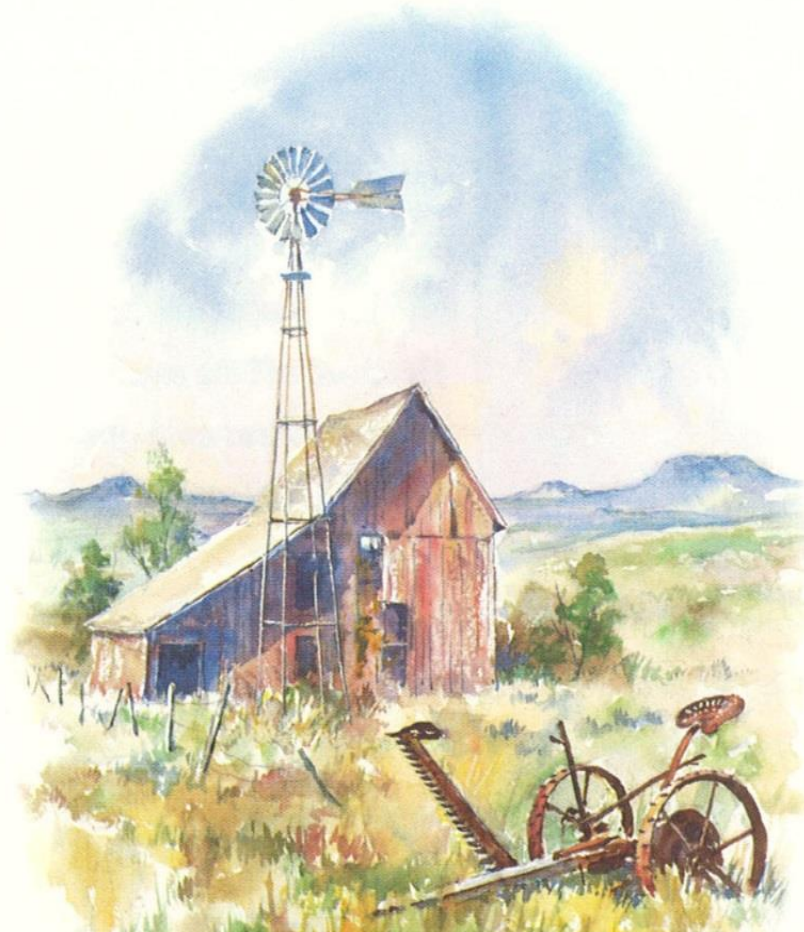
On December 28, 1966 Dana married Linda Thomas in Las Vegas, NV. They made their home in Gettysburg where Dana was involved in several businesses including: part owner and manager of Dakota Lanes Bowling Alley, Vail Liquor Store, and as a spray pilot for Lehrkamp Spraying Service and Fischer Spraying. Dana also worked for the S.D. Department of Transportation. He was set to retire in one more year in order to enjoy his passion of restoring old cars (mostly 1940 Fords), when he was diagnosed with cancer.

He was a member of the Sacred Heart Catholic Church, the Masonic Lodge, the Shrine Club, National Pilots Association, and served on the Gettysburg City Council. Dana enjoyed Battler games and activities, which led him to become a driver of the Battler's activity bus; allowing him to transport students to all of their sporting events and music activities. He was an avid outdoorsman, always looking for a good challenging hunt. He enjoyed his buffalo hunts in South Dakota, Caribou hunts in Alaska and bear hunts in Canada plus any deer, antelope and pheasant hunting he could do around South Dakota. When it was no longer a challenge to him, Dana gave up hunting and just collected guns. He also enjoyed restoring his PA-11, the aircraft many passengers will remember.

Dana will be remembered mostly for his entertaining stories and his compassion to do for others first and always, but also for his love to live life to the fullest. Dana was quick to tell others he was a "jack of all trades and a master of none", which was not true.

Dana is survived by his wife Linda of Gettysburg; his daughters: Lisa (Brett) Stanley of Sioux Falls, Leah (Daren) Lowinske of Canistota; grandchildren: Shelby Byington, Mason Stanley, and Sophia Stanley; mother and father-in-law: James and Elaine Thomas; special cousins: Michael (Nancy) Kramer of Minot, ND and Russell (Janice) Kramer of Fresno, CA; brothers and sisters-in-law: Daniel (Bev) Thomas of Gettysburg, Robert (Carmen) Thomas of Gettysburg, Sandra (Jay) Hagen of Rapid City, and Rhonda (Dale) Schmautz of Belle Fourche and many nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Ed and Shirley (Moes) Vail.



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