

Alvin Lappe, 84, of Rapid City, formerly of Harrold, passed away Sunday, October 13, 2013 at the Rapid City Regional Hospice House.

Alvin Russell Lappe, the son of Evaline (Hoefler) and August Lappe, was born on June 20, 1929 in Sully County, SD. He attended South Lake Country School.

Alvin married Joan Salathe on November 11, 1951 in Harrold, SD. Alvin lived, farmed, ranched and raised his family his entire life in Sully County, SD. In 1967 he began raising Charolais cattle and built a herd of purebreds. After his retirement he and Joan moved to Rapid City, SD and spent their winters in Arizona.

Alvin attended Harrold United Methodist Church and South Maple United Methodist Church in Rapid City, SD. He was a member of Flying Farmers and the South Dakota Stockgrowers. Alvin learned to fly at a very young age and bought his first plane at the age of 18. He enjoyed playing cards and was the crafter of game boards for Fast Track. Many family and friends were the happy recipients of these boards.

Grateful for sharing his life are his wife of 62 years, Joan; Rapid City; two daughters, Shirley (Alan) Parks, Newcastle, WY; Gail (Jim) Schaefer, Rapid City; two sons, Jim (Peggy) Lappe, Pierre; Brad (Jolene) Lappe, Rapid City; nine grandchildren, Kelly Hoffman, Brandy Jacobs, Ryan Parks, Eric Lappe, Amy Clemons, Dexter Lappe, Annie Eberhard, Cody Schaefer and Erin Schaefer; 11 great grandchildren, and a host of nieces and nephews.

Alvin was preceded in death by his parents and four brothers, John, Ambrose, Bert, and Harlan.

In Loving Memory Of



Alvin Lappe

1929 ~ 2013



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Highmore, South Dakota



For My Grandpa

*I know we are all feeling a little bit sad,
That we've lost our Grandpa,
our friend and our dad
Together we have cried an ocean of tears
As we feel so empty and hold many fears.*

*But Grandpa would want
us to know he's in a good place
And that he's watching us*

all with a smile on his face

*As we have made him so proud, as proud as can be
That he has raised such a beautiful and special family.*

*Thinking back now I really must say
I feel lucky and privileged to have known Grandpa to this day
For in my life, you have played a special part
The memories I will treasure and keep close to your heart.*

*For me I am glad my little baby he got to meet
And for all of us, be grateful, his life is now complete
To each one of us he has loved and cared
And a family, be thankful for the good times we shared.*

*Although he has gone we will always be together
And his spirit will live on each one of us forever
When you look to the sky, look for the brightest star
As that will be Grandpa looking down on us from afar.*

*And now I would like to thank the good Lord above
For blessing us with our Grandpa with his kindness and love
Dear God, if it is not too much fuss
Take extra special care of our Grandpa as he is very dear to us.*

*Grandpa, if you are listening say a prayer for us every day
Be sure to protect us and guide us on our way
We know when God called you, you had to go
But we want you to know Grandpa, we miss you and love you so.*

----Ilona Blake

Alvin Lappe

June 20, 1929
Sully County, South Dakota

October 13, 2013
Rapid City, South Dakota

FUNERAL SERVICE

11:00 a.m., Friday, October 18, 2013
United Methodist Church
Harrold, South Dakota

OFFICIATOR

Pastor Kori Lehrkamp

CASKETBEARERS

Ryan Parks
Cody Schaefer

Eric Lappe
Allen Hoffman

Dexter Lappe
Rick Jacobs

MEMORIAL BOOK

Gloria French

MUSICIANS

Annie & Matt Eberhard

MUSICAL SELECTIONS

"Grandpa"
"Amazing Grace"

INTERMENT

Medicine Hill Cemetery
Harrold, South Dakota