

The Sweetest Man

Jimmie Ray Evans was the sweetest man we ever knew. He always had an infectious smile and a loving spirit. Many of us that were close to him will miss that the most. He very seldom showed anger even though all of us that were close to him knew when he was mad. Jimmie never wanted to burden anyone with his problems or to burden others. His love for his children and especially the love of his life, Karen, were great. He took many slings and arrows that life threw at him, usually with a smile. He enjoyed teaching all three of his children the ins and outs of running large construction equipment and took pride that all of them did a good job at it. He loved all his close friends and people that he did construction work for; many like family; always quick to do a little extra for them if needed and never wanting anything in return. During the last years of his life, when the pain was at its worst, he always greeted the medical staff at ease by saying "I'm doing well. How are you getting along"? From Sioux Falls to Miller we have had some wonderful medical staff that cared for him. Usually with tears in their eyes would tell us that Jimmie was the "Sweetest Man" they ever met.



In Loving Memory
CELEBRATING A LIFE
Jimmie Ray Evans

November 18, 1947 - March 2, 2014

Funeral Service:

2:00 p.m., Friday, March 7, 2014

First Presbyterian Church

Miller, South Dakota

Minister: Rev. Brian Jones

Casketbearers:

Brad Manning - Scott Manning - Curt Manning

Mike Falk - Chad Dearborn - Ralph Johnson

Honorary Casketbearers:

John Smith - Dave Johnson

Bernie Huisman - Dwane Chipman

Pianist: Kristi Prince

Soloist: Kortney Hastings

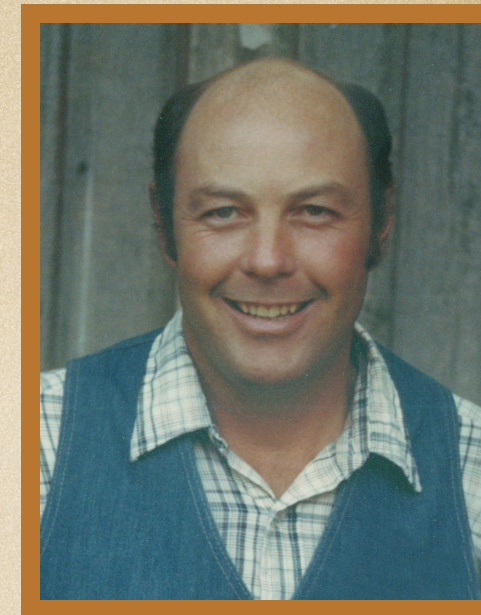
Music Selections:

"Give Me Jesus"

"My Life is Based on a True Story"

"On the Wings of a Dove"

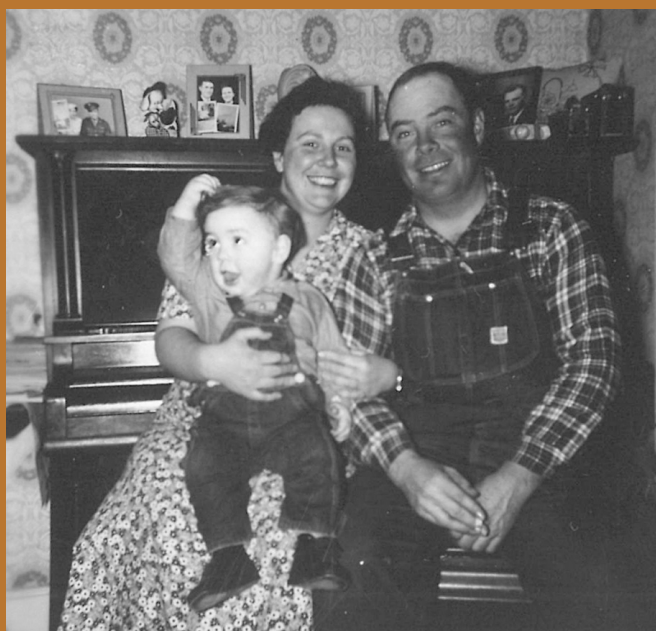
Arrangements Entrusted To
Reck Funeral Home - Miller, S.D.
www.familyfuneralhome.net



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Jimmie Evans, 66, of Miller, passed away Sunday, March 2, 2014 at Avera Hand County Memorial Hospital, Miller after a valiant four year struggle with colon cancer.

Jimmie Ray was born November 18, 1947 in Miller to Albert "Bub" and Lurabel (Purrington) Evans. He attended various country schools and graduated from Miller High School in 1966. In the late 1950's, the family moved to Miller from Hiland Township after the farm burned down.

After high school, he went to work with his dad at Evans Construction; taking ownership when his father passed away. He continued to own and operate Evans Construction until his passing. All three of his children learned to run a dozer in the gravel pits. On May 12, 1973, he married Karen Keelin at St. Ann's Catholic Church. From 1967 to 1973, he was an active member in the National Guards; later being honorably discharged.

In the late 1960's and early 1970's, Jimmie owned and operated #7 race team with Chet Danburg as his driver. They won multiple track championships. Jimmie loved dirt track and NASCAR racing, hunting, fishing, socializing, coffee with friends, camping and barbeques in the summers.

Jimmie had an infectious smile and was always friendly.

He will be missed by his wife, Karen Evans of Miller; three children: David Evans of Miller, Deborah (David) Roth of Mesa, AZ, and Mike Evans of Pierre; four grandchildren: Heidi Roth, Shane Evans, Laura Evans and Justin Evans; three great grandchildren: Eric, Jr., Andres and Kayden; mother, Lurabel Evans of Miller; uncle, John Evans; and aunts: Joanne Evans and Gladys Jensen.

He was preceded in death by his father, Albert "Bub" Evans; granddaughter, Ashley Roth; uncles: Gene Evans, Francis Evans, Howard Jensen, James Purrington and Russell Purrington; and aunt, Cecil (Hummy) Boulias.

