



*"Unconditional love is a
sign of a gentle soul"*

-Ashwan Chhetri

Gary Dale Russell

August 21, 1953 - August 23, 2019

PRAYER SERVICE:

7:00 p.m., Wednesday, August 28, 2019
Reck Funeral Home - Miller, S.D.

FUNERAL SERVICE:

10:30 a.m., Thursday, August 29, 2019
First Presbyterian Church - Miller, S.D.

MINISTER: Rev. Brian Jones

CASKETBEARERS:

Larry Houghtaling - Randy Dix
Tom Felderman - Wayne Ruhnke
Kevin LaBrie - Paul Wolf

HONORARY CASKETBEARERS:

Todd Hofer - Delbert Jury
Billy Angle - David Duncan - Dale Clement

USHERS:

Pete DeGeest - Brad Beilke
Doug Fritzsche

VOCALISTS: Darcy Pugh - Kim Jensen

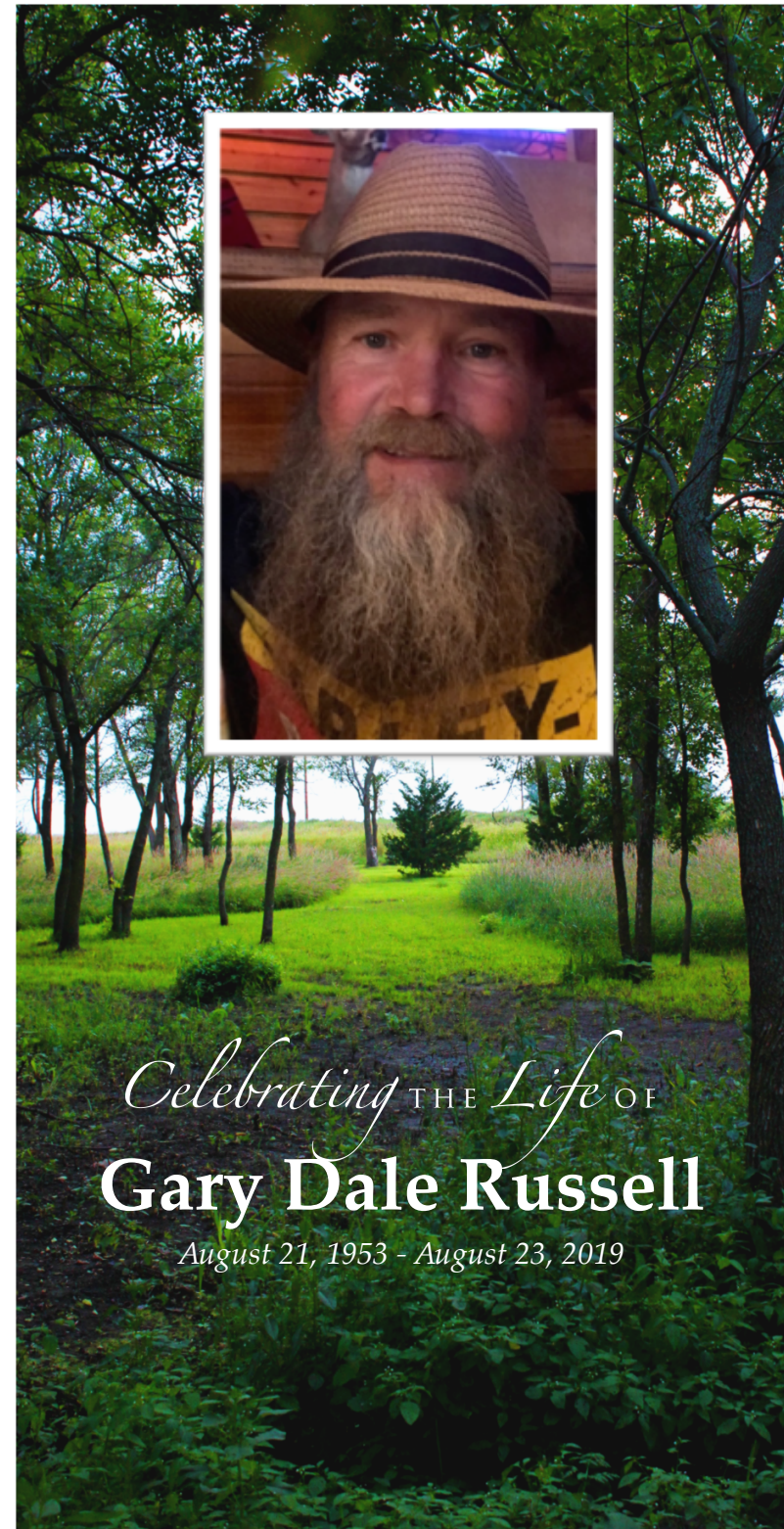
Lana Kopplin - Shaly Werdel

MUSIC SELECTION: "Hallelujah"

INTERMENT:

Black Hills National Cemetery
Sturgis, South Dakota

*Arrangements Entrusted To
Reck Funeral Home - Miller, South Dakota
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Celebrating THE *Life* OF
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GARY D. RUSSELL, 66, OF MILLER, PASSED AWAY FRIDAY, AUGUST 23, 2019, SURROUNDED BY HIS FAMILY, AT AVERA MCKENNAN HOSPITAL IN SIOUX FALLS.

GARY DALE WAS BORN AUGUST 21, 1953 AT JACKSON, MICHIGAN TO WILLIAM "BILL" AND BEVERLY MAE (RICKARD) RUSSELL. HIS FAMILY MOVED AROUND; EVENTUALLY SETTLING IN MILLER WHERE GARY GRADUATED FROM MILLER HIGHSCHOOL IN 1971. GARY MARRIED VICKY LANZ AT STIRLING, COLORADO ON JUNE 11, 1971. GARY ENLISTED IN THE UNITED STATES ARMY AT FORT CARSON AND THEIR FIRST CHILD, JENNIFER ANN, WAS BORN AT FORT CARSON ON MARCH 5, 1973.

GARY AND VICKY LIVED IN FORT CARSON, CO AND THEN MOVED TO MANNHEIM, GERMANY ALONG WITH THEIR ONE YEAR OLD DAUGHTER, JENNIFER, WHERE GARY SERVED IN THE VIETNAM WAR FOR THREE YEARS BEFORE RETURNING BACK TO THE STATES. GARY AND VICKY MOVED A NUMBER OF TIMES AND HE HELD DIFFERENT JOBS. THEIR SECOND CHILD, MASON LANZ WAS BORN ON MAY 2, 1979 IN MILLER. THE FAMILY ENJOYED BEING BACK IN MILLER AROUND FAMILY AND FRIENDS. GARY AND VICKY LIVED IN THE SAME HOUSE FOR 30 YEARS BEFORE MOVING TO THE FARM NEAR ST. LAWRENCE.

GARY LOVED HIS FAMILY AND CHERISHED HIS PETS. GARY AND VICKY WERE ALWAYS TOGETHER, HOLDING HANDS. THEY WERE A PAIR THAT BELONGED TOGETHER. HE WAS ALWAYS BUSY WORKING ON PROJECTS WHETHER IT WAS WORKING ON THE HOME RENOVATION, YARD WORK OR WOOD WORKING. GARY'S "MAN CAVE" WAS VERY ORGANIZED AND METICULOUS. FOR 36 YEARS, GARY WORKED AT TUCKER'S SUPERVALU. IF YOU EVER SHOPPED AT THE STORE, YOU KNEW GARY FOR SURE. HE WAS KNOWN FOR HIS GENTLE PERSONALITY.

GARY LEAVES HIS LOVING WIFE, VICKY, OF 48 YEARS; HIS CHILDREN: JENNIFER (DON) HERMAN OF MILLER, AND MASON (JAIME) RUSSELL OF MILLER; GRANDCHILDREN: SHELBY (WADE) WERDEL OF MILLER, HAYDN HERMAN (BROOKE), KEELEY HERMAN, HUNTER RUSSELL, GAGE RUSSELL, AND



PRESLIE RUSSELL; TWO GREAT GRANDSONS: RAYNE AND ROWEN WERDEL; SISTERS: LINDA (STEVE) ZIEGLER OF MILLER, FRANCES (JERRY) ALUMBAUGH OF PIERRE, AND MICHELLE (ROBERT) HOPPER OF PIERRE; PARENTS-IN-LAW: DAVID AND ELEANOR LANZ; SISTERS-IN-LAW: BRENDA (DARYL) DEDMAN AND LEANNA (DALE) RESEL; NEPHEWS: HEATH, JEFF, AND MATTHEW "TODD" ZIEGLER; CLINT AND CHRISTOPHER ALUMBAUGH; CHARLIE, LENNY, AND ROB HOPPER; RYAN (PADYN) RESEL, MICK (CRYSTAL) RESEL; NIECES: ELIZABETH, LAURA, AND ANNA HOPPER, TRISH (SCOTT) TEASON, KIERSTON (WALTER) BLAKE, DARCY ONAINDIA, TORIE WAMSER; ANNA (JUNIOR) BLACK; AND MANY FRIENDS AND CO-WORKERS.

HE WAS PRECEDED IN DEATH BY HIS PARENTS; AND NEPHEW, DAVID ENGLE.

*All My Love
Gary*

