

# Wayne Lowell Borkhuis

September 10, 1936 - January 17, 2017

Wayne Lowell Borkhuis, age 80, of Watertown, SD, passed away on Tuesday, January 17, 2017 at Jenkins Living Center. Funeral mass will be at 10:30 a.m. Saturday, January 21, 2017 at St. Henry's Catholic Church in Henry with Father Daniel Smith officiating. Dorothy Fuller will be the organist.

Visitation will be from 5-8 p.m., with a wake service at 7:00 p.m. on Friday at the Wight & Comes Funeral Chapel in Watertown.

Interment will be in St. Henry's Cemetery, Henry, SD.

Honorary pallbearers will be his grandchildren: Michael and Jeremy Kannas, Nikki, Bryce, Chelsey and Kiara Borkhuis.

Pallbearers will be Donnie Jellis, John Blais, Jim Henning, Troy DeBerg, Todd Randall, and Bill Becking.

Wayne Lowell Borkhuis was born on September 10, 1936 to Lowell and Louise (Landuyt) Borkhuis in Wessington, South Dakota. He attended country school near his home. He loved farming with his dad and helping his mother.

On November 25, 1957, he married Bev Dally at the Immaculate Conception Catholic Church in Watertown. Wayne farmed and milked cows near Tinkertown for many years. Then, in later years he drove truck. A farmer since age 14, Wayne at the age of 34 was named Outstanding Young Farmer of the Year.

Wayne was known for hosting the Tinkertown Nationals (1/4 mile drag racing) which brought many people out. He enjoyed snowmobiling whether racing them or group trail rides.

Wayne was a jokester who enjoyed pulling pranks on people. He was a very proud and dedicated man with a caring heart. He loved dancing and shiny vehicles. He loved his dogs, especially "Scooby Doo" who traveled with him wherever he went.

Wayne's other three loves were his children: Rick, Rod and Rita who each inherited some of his traits. Rick's love of farming and trucking was always a popular topic of conversation between the two. Rod, whose love of racing and hot rod mechanics rubbed off from his father. And his daughter, Rita, has his joking attitude and caring heart.

Wayne is survived by his sons, Rick (Lisa) Borkhuis and Rod Borkhuis of Watertown, and his daughter, Rita (Tom) Kannas of Watertown; his siblings, Jeanette Tiffany of Minneapolis, MN, JoAnn (Richard) DeBerg



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of Henry, and Larry (Deb) Borkhuis of Henry; his aunt, Phyllis Jellis of Watertown; and his six grandchildren: Michael (Jackie) Kannas, Jeremy (Kenzie Kilber) Kannas, Nikki, Bryce, Chelsey and Kiara Borkhuis.

He was preceded in death by his parents.