

Dennis LeRoy Hoppe

October 4, 1941 – May 12, 2020

Dennis LeRoy Hoppe, 78, of Pierre, South Dakota, passed away suddenly on Tuesday, May 12, 2020, at Avera Heart Hospital in Sioux Falls, South Dakota.

Dennis was born on October 4, 1941, in Mitchell, South Dakota, to Ralph and Ferne (Seese) Hoppe. He attended the South Dakota School for the Deaf in Sioux Falls, where he participated in all sports and graduated in 1960.

After graduation, Dennis worked for several newspaper publishers. He later worked as a carpenter for Ronning Enterprises, building homes. In the mid-1970s, he began owning and operating Hoppe's Rod and Reel Repair, which he continued until his retirement.





1957-1958 SDSD Basketball season

Standing from L to R: James Still, Russ O'Neill, Arnold Fonder, Dennis Hoppe, Ken Merrill, Coach Henry Bjorlie Jr., John Dykstra, Ken Herrick, Arnold Stevens, Darrell White Eagle, and Dennis Smith.
Kneeling: Robert Carl, manager.

In July 1965, Dennis married Kathaleen Kroll. They lived in Sioux Falls and raised two children, Becky and Randy. They later divorced. In May 1990, Dennis married Faye Anglin, and they made their home in Pierre.

Dennis loved his family and friends. An avid outdoorsman, he enjoyed archery, fishing, and bowling throughout his life.



SDDA 8th Annual Tourney
May 27-29, 1989 - Pierre, SD
Anglers showed their luck that day.
L to R: Dennis Hoppe, Belinda Panek, Jeff Panek, Francis Steffl, Tom ?, and Jeff Rademacher

He is survived by his son, Randy (Shelly) Hoppe of Lennox, South Dakota; his daughter, Becky (Michael) Weier of Sioux Falls, South Dakota; his stepdaughter, Leah (Jason) Hammersley of Pierre, South Dakota; his brothers, Rolland (Carolyn) Hoppe of Sturgis, South Dakota, and Richard (Bonnie) Hoppe of Platte, South Dakota; his grandchildren, Nathan (Amanda Goll) Olsen of Hendersonville, North Carolina, Nikolus (Abby Haugen) Olsen of Casper, Wyoming, and Rayann and William Hoppe of Lennox, South Dakota; his great-grandson, Bridger Olsen of Casper, Wyoming; and several nieces, nephews, and close family friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Ralph and Ferne Hoppe; his wife, Faye Hoppe; and his grandson, Andrew Olsen.

Graveside services were held on Friday, May 22, 2020, at Pleasant Hill Cemetery in Blunt, South Dakota.