

# Donald Richard Koski

October 5, 1935 - December 2, 2017



Donald R. Koski, 82, of Sheridan passed away on Saturday, December 2, 2017 at his home. He was born on October 5, 1935, to Arvo Nestor and Mary Alina (Jernberg) Koski in Lead, South Dakota.

Donald was a Veteran and served in the US Army from 1958 to 1960 in Germany. He worked at the VA hospital in Sheridan, WY, for nine years. He was a machinist and worked for thirty years in Minnesota at White Motor, Rahr Malting and Eaton Charlyn. He enjoyed hunting, fishing, and anything that had to do with automobiles, old or new.

Donald was a member of the Old Apostolic Lutheran Church. Most of his life was spent in Minnesota. He moved to Sheridan, WY, in March of 1995.

Donald was married for twenty one years to Marlene Ann Stalvik, who was killed in a tragic accident on December 12, 1983. They had five children; Donald R. (Sheri) Koski JR of Bellevue, NE, Melanie A. Komm of Sheridan, WY, Douglas J. (Sharla) Koski of Brownton, MN, Melinda K. (Jens) Thorsen of Shakopee, MN and Melissa L. (Jim) Foley of Watkins, MN. There are fifteen grandchildren and ten great grandchildren. He leaves four siblings; Tom (Anna Mae) Koski of Sundance, WY, brother in law, Lance Wilen of Lake Nordon, SD, Norma (Herschell) Hoffman, of Belle Fourche, SD, Ann (Steve) Kenoyer of Rapid City, SD, and Clarence "Willie" (Vicki) Koski of Whitewood, SD.

Donald was married to Gaye Koski for thirty three years. She had four children from a previous marriage; Melody (Hans) Redinger of Sheridan, WY, Philip (Sonia) Willett of Sheridan, WY, David (Shari) Willett of Sheridan, WY, and Heidi Anderson of Sheridan, WY. There are twenty three grandchildren and thirteen great grandchildren from the Willett side. Don will be missed by multiple nieces, nephews, relatives and friends.

Don was preceded in death by his parents, first wife, two sisters, Darlene and Barbara.



## I'M FREE

Don't grieve for me, for now I'm free  
I'm following the path God laid for me.  
I took his hand when I heard him call  
I turned my back and left it all  
I could not stay another day  
To laugh, to love, to work or play.  
Tasks undone must stay that way.  
I found that peace at close of day.  
If my parting has left a void  
Then fill it with remembered joy.  
A friendship shared, a laugh, a kiss,  
Ah, yes, these things I too will miss'  
Be not burdened with times of sorrow  
I wish you the sunshine of tomorrow.  
My life's been full, I've savored much,  
Good friends, good times,  
A loved one's touch.  
Perhaps my time seemed all too brief,  
Don't lengthen it now with undue grief.  
Lift up your hearts and share with me  
God wanted me now:  
He set me free.

*In Loving Memory of*

## *Donald Richard Koski*

<b>DATE OF BIRTH</b>	<b>DATE OF DEATH</b>
October 5, 1935 Lead, South Dakota	December 2, 2017 Sheridan, Wyoming

Tuesday, December 5, 2017

**VIEWING 5:00 -7:00 p.m.**

**FUNERAL SERVICES 7:00 p.m.**

Old Apostolic Lutheran Church

### **OFFICIATING**

Drew Redinger & Joel Hendrickson

### **HYMN**

#23 Sweet By & By

#353 God Hath Not Promised

#65 My Life is Hid In Jesus

### **PALLBEARERS**

*Sheridan*

Luke Willett, Taran Redinger, Phil Willett  
Hans Redinger, Dave Willett, Taylor Willett

*Minnesota*

Donnie Koski, Douglas Koski, Jens Thorsen  
Jim Foley, Tylor Halling, Taylor Koski

Viewing will be held in Chaska, MN on  
Friday, December 8, 2017 at 10:00 a.m.

Burial will be at 12:00 at the Mount Pleasant Cemetery, in Chaska, MN.  
With Military Honors.

Memorials to honor Donald may be made to the  
Old Apostolic Lutheran Church  
111 Metz Road  
Sheridan, WY 82801

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