

Leslie Otto Auer was born August 29, 1940, to Otto and Inez Hatfield Auer.

He grew up in the Whitewood area, attending elementary school in Whitewood, and then Sturgis for Junior High and High School, where he graduated. After graduation he cut posts, poles, and operated a ditching business.

On February 14, 1960, he married Carole Ann Johnson, and to this union four children were born. Carole and Les stayed very busy raising four kids, farming, raising cows, and slipping away to dances in Whitewood or to The Rancher in St. Onge. Les milked about 30 head of cows for about a year, then in 1969 he went to work for Wheeler Consolidated. In 1978 Les and his oldest son, Patrick, started doing machine work part-time till May 1979, when then opened Auer Machine full-time. Over the next 30 years he spent countless hours building or repairing anything that came through the door.

In 2009 he retired and spent his days farming and mowing his grass. But most days you would still find him in the shop working on one of his own projects or supervising over a cup of coffee.

In 2008 Les married Elaine Mathison Albrandt, expanding his family. Les loved his new kids and grandkids that came with this union, and made them part of his family. Les and Elaine put on many miles, in his old jeep, puttering around the roads in the Hills. Almost every Saturday night you would find them dancing at the VFW club in Sturgis.

Les was a very active member of the First Presbyterian Church in Whitewood – rumor has it he made a pretty mean pot of chili at their potlucks!

Les will always be remembered by his family as the one that would always be there to help with anything they needed, with a smile, a handshakeand a “Yup, see ya later”!!!

Les is survived by his wife, Elaine Auer; children, Patrick (Robin) Auer, Mark Auer, Mike (Donna) Auer, Sandy (Gary) Browner, Debbie (Ron) Waldner, Ryan (Jenny) Albrandt, and Natalie Albrandt; grandchildren, Kim, Brandon, Hanna, Dustin, Allen, Becky, John, Cheyenne, Elizabeth, Andrew, and Katie; six great grandchildren, plus one coming in November; mother-in-law, Thelma Johnson; sisters-in-law, Sonja Nonnast and Roxanna Cooper, who adored him. He is also survived by several nieces, nephews, and dear friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Otto and Inez Auer; his first wife, Carole Auer; father-in-law, Sam Johnson, and nephew, Tige Cooper.

In lieu of flowers memorials have been established to Home Instead or Hospice of the Black Hills.

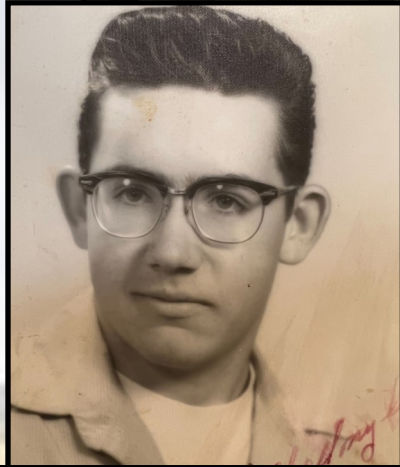
Condolences may be sent to the family at www.kinkadefunerals.com.

The family invites you to join them for fellowship and refreshments, following the burial, in the church hall. Thank you for your presence and condolences.

In Loving Memory Of



***Leslie “Les” Otto Auer**
August 29, 1940 ~ May 8, 2022*



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Leslie "Les" Otto Auer

Born
August 29, 1940
South Dakota

Died
May 8, 2022
Whitewood, South Dakota

Funeral Service
Thursday, May 12, 2022, 2:00 p.m.
First Presbyterian Church
Whitewood, South Dakota

Officiant
Pastor Jil Jennewein

Soloists
Jil Jennewein

Music
"Amazing Grace" "Mansion Over The Hilltop"
"Faded Love"

Pallbearers
Bill Cooper Troy Geis John Cooper
Gary Kinzler Tim Rath Ron Waldner

Honorary Pallbearers
Eugene Nonnast Ryan Albrandt George Auer

Final Resting Place
Whitewood Cemetery
Whitewood, South Dakota