



Gary Jerome Craft was born January 28, 1959 in Stanley, ND to Melvin & Annie (Paulson) Craft. He passed away peacefully at home on February 29, 2020 after a 5 year battle with Late Onset Idiopathic Cerebral Ataxia.

Gary was raised and lived on the Craft farmstead for 61 years. He attended school in Stanley and was part of the SHS class of '77.

He married Darla Oja on October 16, 1976 at Bethlehem Lutheran Church in Ross, ND. They have three children Camie, Jamie & Kevin.

Gary started his oilfield career in 1978 and worked off and on while also farming. He started full time in the oilfield the summer of '95 and retired in 2014. He drilled oil wells in 7 different states and worked his way from worm to company man & consulting. He spent many summers custom combining from Texas to North Dakota. Gary started ranching with his son in 2000.

He served on the Farm Bureau Board and the Knife River Church Council. He collected guns, rocks and earned himself an impressive collection of hardhats.

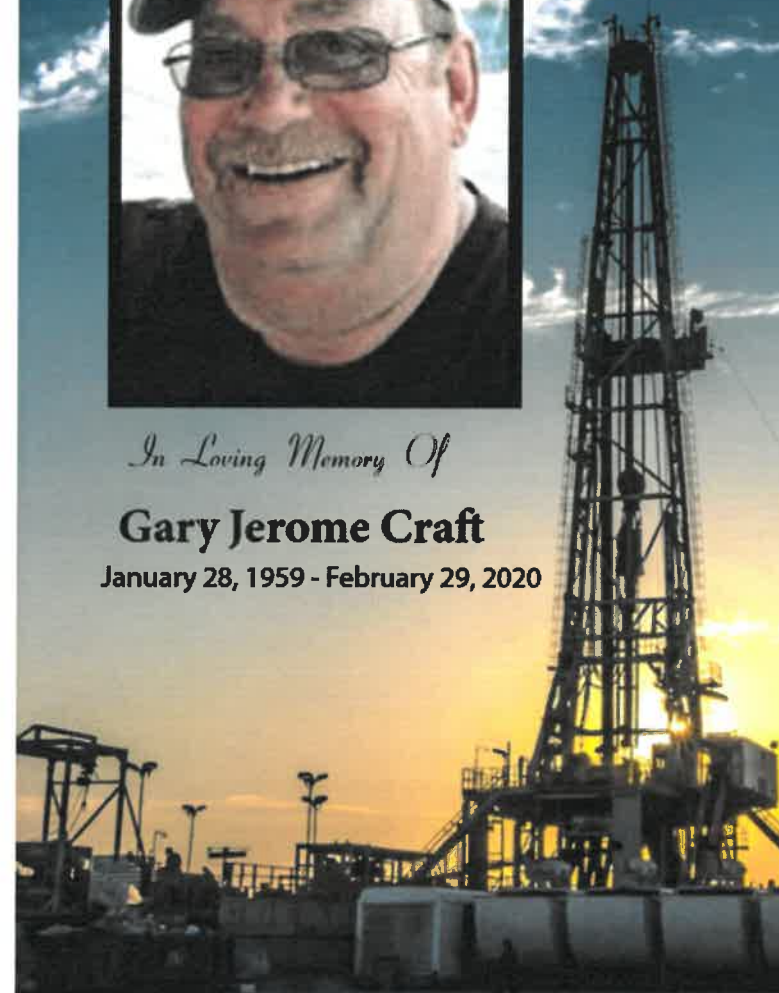
Gary is survived by wife, Darla; daughters, Camie Anderson and Jamie (Cory) Rice; son, Kevin (Stacy) Craft; grandchildren, Isaiah, Jared and Jace Anderson, Jayd, Mason, Kendall and Kaelee Rice, Dyllon, Andrea, Laurie, Evan and Owen Craft all of Stanley, ND; siblings, Marshall (Jane) Craft of Stanley, ND and Patty (Dave) Neset of Minot, ND; mother and father-in-law, Janice and Howard Rehak of Stanley, ND and numerous nieces, nephews and cousins.



In Loving Memory Of

Gary Jerome Craft

January 28, 1959 - February 29, 2020





BORN THE YOUNGEST SON OF A FARMER &
 A SMALL TOWN SOUTHERN MAN
 LIKE HIS DADDY'S DADDY BEFORE HIM BROUGHT
 UP WORKIN ON THE LAND
 FELL IN LOVE WITH A SMALL TOWN WOMAN & THEY
 MARRIED UP & SETTLED DOWN
 NATURAL WAY OF LIFE IF YOU'RE LUCKY
 FOR A SMALL TOWN SOUTHERN MAN

FIRST THERE CAME 2 PRETTY DAUGHTERS FOR
 THIS SMALL TOWN SOUTHERN MAN
 THEN A FEW YEARS LATER CAME ANOTHER- A BOY, HE
 WASN'T PLANNED
 5 PEOPLE LIVING ALL TOGETHER IN A HOUSE BUILT
 BY 3 GENERATIONS OF HANDS
 LITTLE WORDS WITH LOVE & UNDERSTANDING FROM
 A SMALL TOWN SOUTHERN MAN

AND HE BOWED HIS HEAD TO JESUS
 & HE STOOD FOR UNCLE SAM &
 HE ONLY LOVED ONE WOMAN
 HE WAS PROUD OF WHAT HE HAD HE SAID HIS
 GREATEST CONTRIBUTION IS
 THE ONES YOU LEAVE BEHIND
 RAISED ON THE WAYS & GENTLE KINDNESS OF A
 SMALL TOWN SOUTHERN MAN

CALLOUS HANDS TOLD THE STORY FOR
 THIS SMALL TOWN SOUTHERN MAN
 HE GAVE IT ALL TO KEEP IT ALL TOGETHER
 & KEEP HIS FAMILY ON HIS LAND
 LIKE HIS DADDY YEARS WORE OUT HIS BODY MADE IT
 HARD TO JUST WALK & STAND

YOU CAN BREAK THE BACK BUT YOU CAN'T BREAK
 THE SPIRIT OF A SMALL TOWN SOUTHERN MAN

FINALLY DEATH CAME CALLIN' FOR
 THIS SMALL TOWN SOUTHERN MAN
 HE SAID IT'S ALRIGHT 'CAUSE I SEE ANGELS
 & THEY GOT ME BY THE HAND
 DON'T YOU CRY & DON'T YOU WORRY
 I'M BLESSED & I KNOW I AM 'CAUSE GOD HAS A PLACE
 IN HEAVEN FOR
 A SMALL TOWN SOUTHERN MAN

In Loving Memory Gary Jerome Craft

Born to Melvin & Annie Craft
 January 28, 1959 ~ Stanley, North Dakota
Called Home to His Heavenly Father
 February 29, 2020 ~ Stanley, North Dakota

Funeral Services
 Wednesday, March 4, 2020 at 11:00 AM
 American Lutheran Church
 Stanley, North Dakota

Officiating
 Pastor Carter Hill

Music
 "I Wish Grandpas Never Die"
 "My Old Man"
 "Go Rest High On That Mountain"

Pallbearers
 Dave Johnson Perry Obert
 Danny Meiers Warren Craft
 Tracy Edwards Larry Erie

Final Resting Place
 Knife River Cemetery
 South of Stanley, North Dakota

Arrangements By
 Springan Stevenson Funeral Home
 Stanley, North Dakota

