

Gary Gale Thayer was born in Wessington Springs, South Dakota on June 15, 1948 to Robert and Leanore (Moross) Thayer. He lived most of his life in the Kimball area. He attended Kimball High School and later Mitchell Vo-Tech for Plumbing briefly working in that field. Gary was united in marriage to Joan Toupal on January 15, 1966 at St. Margaret's Catholic Church in Kimball, SD. Together they raised five children: Todd, Linda, Robert, Lance and Wyatt.

Throughout his years he had several jobs including being a farm hand for Fred Olson and Junior Miller. He drove truck for Jay Lundt hauling hogs and cattle with his brother, Edwin, friend, Bob Koranda and several others. He also drove truck and ran a payloader for Carlson Construction for many years. In the winter months he helped his good friend, Jerry Konechne at his body shop. The last job he held was with the Brule County Highway Department where he retired after 25 years. He remained close friends with the crew and stopped by often to check on things after his retirement.

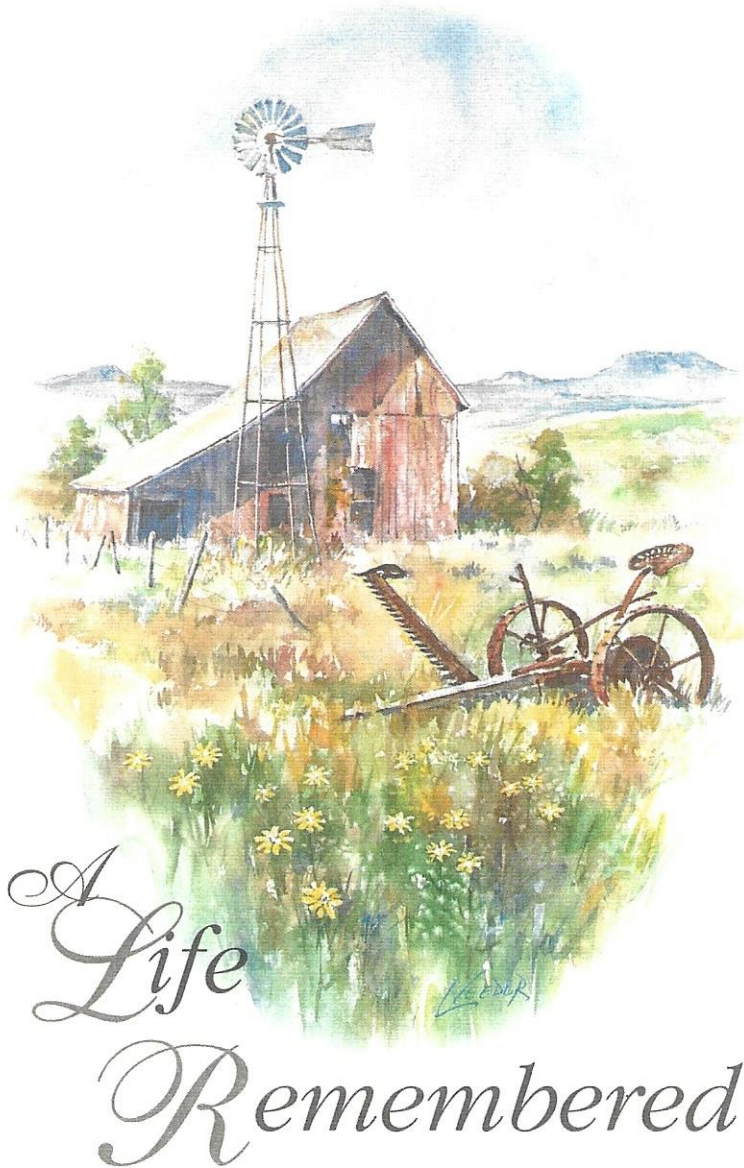
Gary always worked hard and took pride in what he did. Family was the most important thing to him. He always shared his advice and constructive criticism with them. He especially loved the little kids and liked sharing his funny poems and sayings.

His hobbies included watching Nascar and cheering on his favorite driver, Dale Earnhardt. He loved watching rodeo and westerns, especially with his grandchildren. He also enjoyed golfing, going to car shows and dirt track races and taking his daily drive around town.

Gary Gale Thayer, 74, of Kimball, SD passed away Sunday, September 25, 2022 at his home.

Grateful for having shared Gary's life was: his wife of 56 years, Joan Thayer of Kimball, SD; five children: Todd (Nicole) Thayer, Linda (Mike) Holan, Robert (Patti) Thayer, Lance Thayer (Lesli Colestock), and Wyatt Thayer (Whisper Thompson) all of Kimball, SD; two sisters: Joyce (Glenn) Warren of Rapid City, SD and Sharon Fletcher of Hill City, SD; 13 grandchildren: Skyler (Cassie) Thayer, Briane (Luis) Bernabe, Christopher Thayer, Jasmine Thayer, Daunte Thayer, Ethan (Emily) Schaffer, Alex Schaffer, Graden Holan, Cole (Pamela) Thayer, Nathan Thayer (fiancé, Alexys Baker), Becca Thayer, Shay Colestock and Zander Geppert; nine great grandchildren; along with many nieces, nephews and friends.

Gary was preceded in death by: his parents, Robert and Leanore Thayer; four sisters: Viola Powers, Veida Houska, Karen Lang and Judy Will; a brother, Edwin Thayer and infant brother, Darrell.





He Only Takes the Best
*God saw he was getting tired,
And relief was not to be;
So he put His arms around him
And whispered, "Come with Me."
With tearful eyes we stayed by him
But saw him fade away;
Although we loved him dearly
We knew he could not stay.
A golden heart stopped beating,
Hard working hands to rest;
God broke our hearts to prove to us
He only takes the best.*

*He has gone no further
From us than to God.*

And God is very near.

IN LOVING MEMORY OF

Gary Gale Thayer

June 15, 1948 - September 25, 2022

FUNERAL MASS

Friday, September 30, 2022 10:30 A.M.
St. Margaret's Catholic Church Kimball, South Dakota

CELEBRANT

Fr. William Hamak
Rosary, Catholic Daughters
Lectors, Kathy Johnson and Emily Schaffer

MUSICAL SELECTIONS

Prayer Service - "Go Rest High On That Mountain", Vince Gill
"Amazing Grace" "How Great Thou Art"
"Be Not Afraid" "Song of Farewell"
*Song Leader, Kimber Rasmussen
Pianist, Rebecca Rasmussen*

CASKET BEARERS

Ethan Schaffer Alex Schaffer
Graden Holan Cole Thayer
Nathan Thayer Daunte Thayer

HONORARY CASKET BEARERS

Becca Thayer Zander Geppert
Brantly Thayer
Friends in the Safety Meeting Club
Gary's many close Friends

INURNMENT

Kimball Community Cemetery Kimball, South Dakota
At a Later Date



*Mount Funeral Home is honored
to be assisting the Thayer family.*