

Kenneth Earl Sly was born on October 10, 1930, the youngest of four children to Earl H. and Lucy (Mills) Sly on their farm northeast of Platte, SD. He attended Carroll Township Elementary School and graduated from Platte High School in 1948. He went to work on the family farm for a year, then continued his education at Southern State Teachers College in Springfield, SD. After earning his Teaching Certificate during the summer, he taught rural school for one year and later enrolled at Yankton College.

In January of 1951, Ken enlisted in the US Air Force where he met his future wife, Bernice (Bea) Groth. They were united in marriage on April 16, 1952, at the chapel on Brookley Air Force Base in Mobile, AL. After his honorable discharge in November of 1954, he returned to farming and they raised their four children: Daniel, Valerie, Lisa, and Bradley. In 1995 they retired and moved to Platte. After Bea passed away, Ken married Dera Cahill in June of 1997. Ken moved to Parkston in February 2019.

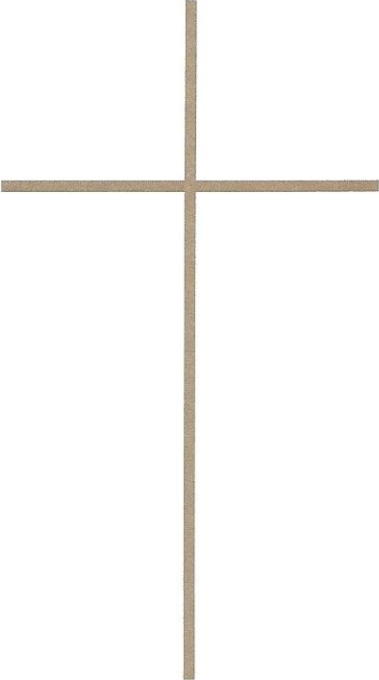
Kenneth was active in local activities including: township board, local elevator, school board, Federal Land Bank Board of Directors, and Charles Mix County Zoning Commission, weed and water boards. He was a member of St. Peter's Catholic Church where he served as a church choir member, Eucharistic minister, and lector. He was also a member of American Legion Post #115 of Platte.

Ken was known for raising and selling purebred Charolais cattle. He enjoyed golfing, gardening, playing cards and board games.

Kenneth Earl "Ken" Sly, 91, of Platte, SD passed away Friday, August 12, 2022 at Avera St. Benedict Health Center in Parkston, SD.

Grateful for having shared in Ken's life, his three children: Valerie (Ream) Lazaro of Las Vegas, NV, Lisa (Bill) Sprecher of Parkston, SD and Brad (Carrie) Sly of Platte, SD; six grandchildren; a step-grandchild; 11 great-grandchildren; a sister-in-law, Dorothy Groth of Fort Morgan, CO; along with many nieces and nephews.

Ken was preceded in death by, his wives: Bea Sly (1996) and Dera Sly (2010); a son, Daniel Sly (1975); his parents, Earl and Lucy Sly; two sisters: Joy (Curt) Knudsen and Beth (Ralph) Chastka; a brother, Harry Sly; and a brother-in-law, Bob Groth.



In Remembrance



The Dash

I read of a man who stood to speak at the funeral of a friend
He referred to the dates on her tombstone from the beginning to the end.

He noted that first came the date of her birth
and spoke of the following date with tears,
But he said what mattered most of all was the dash between those years.

For that dash represents all the time she spent alive on earth...
And now only those who loved her know what that little line is worth.

For it matters not, how much we own; the cars... the house... the cash.
What matters is how we live and love and how we spend our dash.

So think about this long and hard...are there things you'd like to change?
For you never know how much time is left. (You could be at "dash mid-range")

If we could just slow down enough to consider what's true and real,
And always try to understand the way other people feel.

And be less quick to anger, and show appreciation more,
And love the people in our lives like we've never loved before.

If we treat each other with respect and more often wear a smile...
Remembering that this special dash might only last a little while.

So, when your eulogy's being read with your life's actions to rehash...
Would you be proud of the things they say about how you spend your dash??

- Linda Ellis

IN LOVING MEMORY OF

Kenneth Earl Sly

October 10, 1930 - August 12, 2022

MEMORIAL MASS

Saturday, August 20, 2022 10:30 A.M.
St. Peter's Catholic Church Platte, South Dakota

CELEBRANT

Fr. Thomas Clement
Deacon Joe Tegethoff
Lector, Arden Harvison
Altar Servers, Issac and Jameson Leader

MUSICAL SELECTIONS

"Only A Shadow"
"Hail Mary, Gentle Woman"
"I Am The Bread Of Life"
Precious Lord, Take My Hand"
Organist, Donna Travis

INURNMENT

St. Peter's Catholic Cemetery
Platte, South Dakota

MILITARY HONORS

Campbell-Timmerman American Legion Post #115
Platte, South Dakota

*In remembrance, please turn on your headlights
during the procession to the cemetery.*



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