

GILKYSON, Blake D.

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Wakonda SD
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Viborg

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Blake Gilkyson

Blake D. Gilkyson, 81, of Viborg, SD formerly of Vermillion, SD died Tuesday, August 19 at the Pioneer memorial Hospital in Viborg.

Blake was born November 30, 1926 in Wakonda, SD to Jack and Blanche (Rasmussen) Gilkyson.

Blake graduated from Wakonda High School in 1944, and joined the Navy serving for three years. He married Ardell "Ardy" Axelson on June 18, 1950 in Wakonda.

He is survived by Ardy of Viborg, three children: Rhonda (Bob) Sprecher of Viborg, Rozann Bergdale of Dewey, AZ, and Kim (Kelly) Gilkyson of Vermillion; seven grandchildren: Micah Bergdale, Joan (Jesse) Sprecher Nelson, Laura Sprecher, Jenna, Brittney, Blair and Blake Gilkyson; and two great grandchildren Katie and Evan, and one sister Rosemary Rice of Lakewood, CO.

He was preceded in death by his parents, a sister JoAnn Axelson and a granddaughter Abria Bergdale.

Funeral services were held 10:00 am Saturday, August 23 at the First Baptist Church in Viborg, with burial following in the Union Cemetery in Wakonda, SD. For online condolences and obituary please visit hansenfuneralhome.com.

In Lieu of flowers, the family requests memorials go to the "Handicap Accessible Fund" at the First Baptist Church in Viborg, SD.