

James Kisse was born on July 29, 1944 to Adolph and Esther (Koehler) Kisse. Growing up he attended school in Halliday, graduating in 1962. After graduation he enlisted in the US Army, serving until 1966 as a heavy weapons infantryman. Following his military service, Jim attended Dickinson State College earning a bachelor's degree in Business Administration. After taking over the family farm operation for ten years, Jim made his career working for USDA up until his retirement. Jim, known very fittingly as "smiley," had many hobbies and pastimes; watching all the rodeos he could get on local broadcast, attending rodeos in the nearby communities and hunting were among his favorites. It was Jim's award-winning photography that he was most known and admired for. He spent countless hours behind the wheel of his van driving into the deepest crevices of Theodore Roosevelt National Park, bringing to life all the beauty the badlands had to offer. He would sit and camp out for days waiting to capture that perfect shot, and he frequently got it. His work included a wide array of landscape and wildlife photography, wild horses, and buffalo.

Jim's passion in his later years was to go to all the rodeos in and around ND, hanging out behind the chutes taking pictures of all the happenings. He was a collector of many things and had quite the eye for good art, which he often generously shared with family. Jim is survived by his sister Bernice Fredericks, Bismarck; brother Adolph (Marilyn) Kisse, Richardton; Linda (Keith) Perhus, Marshall; and many special nieces, nephews, and cousins. He was preceded in death by his parents, Adolph Sr. and Esther Kisse; sister Madella (Wilfried) Schaper; sister and brother-in-law Yvonne and Myron Glatt; and nephews Steven Glatt and Douglas Schaper; and niece Rhonda Schaper. The family expressly wishes to thank the caring staff at Richardton Health Center with a special thank you to Pastor Dave Jenkins, CHI Hospice chaplain and the hospice care team.

# James "Smiley" Kisse

July 29, 1944 - May 20, 2022





## *Taps*

*Day is done, gone the sun,  
From the lake, from the hills, from the sky;  
All is well, safely rest, God is nigh.*

*Fading light, dims the sight,  
And a star gems the sky, gleaming bright.  
From afar, drawing nigh, falls the night.*

*Thanks and praise, for our days,  
Neath the sun, neath the stars, neath the sky;  
As we go, this we know, God is nigh.*

*Sun has set, shadows come,  
Time has fled, Scouts must go to their beds  
Always true to the promise that they made.*

*While the light fades from sight,  
And the stars gleaming rays softly send,  
To thy hands we our souls, Lord, commend.*



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## **GRAVESIDE SERVICE:**

Thursday, June 9, 2022 3:00 pm CDT  
North Dakota Veterans Cemetery  
Mandan, North Dakota

## **OFFICIATING:**

Pastor David Jenkins

## **MILITARY HONORS:**

Mandan VFW Post 707  
American Legion Post 40 - Honor Guard

## **INURNMENT:**

North Dakota Veterans Cemetery  
Mandan, North Dakota

## **ARRANGEMENTS BY:**

Stevenson Funeral Home  
Dickinson, North Dakota

