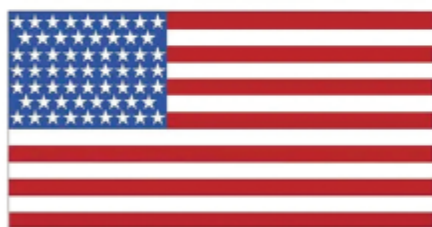


Francis Burckhard
October 12, 1956 - September 16, 2025



Francis Burckhard, 68, of Sturgis, South Dakota, passed away on Tuesday, September 16, 2025.

Francis was born on October 12, 1956 in Deadwood, South Dakota to Frank and Phyllis Burckhard. The family moved to Sturgis in 1962. Francis graduated from Sturgis High School and after high school Francis enlisted in the Army National Guard. Francis went to work at the American Colloid bentonite plant in Upton and worked there until it closed in 2002. He then moved back to Sturgis where his parents lived and he worked at the Silverado Casino in Deadwood until he retired.

Francis enjoyed fishing with his dad and brothers, and he also loved taking drives in his car through the Black Hills. Francis was a big Fan of the Nebraska Cornhuskers and Washington Redskins football.

He is survived by his three brothers John Burckhard of Belle Fourche, South Dakota, Mike (Theresa) Burckhard of Park City, Kansas, and Gary (Katrine) Burckhard of Upton, two nephews, Dean (Shyann) Burckhard, of Gillette, and Jaspper (Breanna) Burckhard, of Upton; his great-nephew Ryker Studie, of Gillette and his great-niece Laken Burckhard, Upton.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Frank and Phyllis Burckhard.