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03/22/2013 - Don L. Schommer

Inurnment services for Don L. Schommer, age 73 of Chadron, will be Friday, March 22, 2013 at Noon at the Black Hills National Cemetery in Sturgis, SD.

Memorials and donations may be sent to The American Legion Auxiliary, Unit 12, 123 Bordeaux, Chadron, NE 69337.

Don was born Feb, 27, 1939, in Chadron, Ne. and died at VA hospital at Ft, Meade, SD on February 23, 2013.

He attended Assumption Academy H.S. in Chadron then joined the army in 1956 until his retirement in 1978. While serving our country Don earned many honors, including the Distinguished Service Cross; Silver Star; Bronze Star Medal w/5 Oak Leaf Clusters; Purple Heart; Air Medal; Expert Infantryman Badge; Combat Infantryman Badge; Army commendation Medal w/2d Oak Leaf Cluster; Good Conduct Medal w/1st thru 4th awards, Aircraft Crewman Badge; Parachutist Badge; Vietnam Service Medal w/9 Bronze Service Stars; Vietnam Campaign Medal w/60 device; Vietnam Cross of Gallantry w/Palm; Vietnam Armed Forces Honor Medal w/2nd class; Vietnam Ranger Badge; Vietnam Civil actions Honor Medal; Presidential Unit Citation; Valorous Unit Award; Vietnam Parachutist Badge; Meritorious Service Medal.

While in Vietnam Don met and married Huong by which he adopted and fathered 5 children. He later met and married Sigrid. Don and Sigrid worked on several ranches in Montana before coming home to run the home ranch until it was sold, after which Don retired.

Immediate Survivors:

Wife: Sigrid

Mother: Lelia

Sister: Kathy (John) Robinette

Daughters: Huyen (Leon) Sanders; Dawn (Brock) Munger

Sons: Nick (Doris) Do; Armond; Guy Ralph

Mother of children: Huong

Grandmother of children: Lan Thi Phan

Also many grandchildren, nieces and nephews.

Preceded in death by: Father: Ralph (Fritz), Brothers: Nick and Jerry