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02/17/2019 - Jay Lanka

A private graveside service for Jay Lanka, age 72, formerly of Chadron, NE, will be held at a later date.

A gathering to celebrate Jay's life will be at 12:00 PM on Sunday, February 17, 2019 at the Tongue River Community Center in Dayton, WY.

Memorials to honor Jay can be made to the Tongue River Valley Community Center, PO Box 1100, Dayton, WY 82839.

Online condolences may be left at www.kanefuneral.com.

Jay passed away on Monday, January 7, 2019 in Ranchester, WY. He was preceded in death by parents Leonard and Angeline Lanka, first wife Juanita Bloom, and nephew Zachary Lanka.

Jay was born on October 23, 1946 in Lewellen, NE and raised in Bridgeport, NE. He attended Chadron State College prior to serving in the U.S. Navy.

Jay lived in Chadron and Alliance, NE for many years, working for the Burlington-Northern Railroad until his retirement. He then moved to Wyoming to be close to his parents and enjoy the Big Horn Mountains. He had a great love for the outdoors and was happiest when fishing and hunting in the mountains or spending time with his children and grandchildren. Jay was a member and volunteer of the Tongue River Valley Community Center, where he enjoyed visiting with other members, working out in the weight room, and driving bus for various youth and senior activities.

Jay is survived by children Grant Lanka of Plymouth, MN, Jennifer (Ryan) Holz of Lead, SD, and Jessica Lanka of Denver, CO; grandchildren Shadoe, Noah, and Brayden Lanka and Lenora Holz; wife Jerene Lanka of Chadron, NE; brothers Brad (Susan) Lanka of Ranchester, WY and Mark Lanka of Rawlins, WY; and nephews Jason and Travis Lanka of Sheridan, WY.

Kane Funeral Home of Sheridan, WY is in charge of arrangements for Jay Lanka.