

Dean Allen Horst

February 24, 1941 - December 13, 2025



Dean Allen Horst, 84, passed away on Saturday, December 13, 2025, at Monument Health in Rapid City, South Dakota.

Dean was born on February 24, 1941, to Gus and Irene Horst in Fairfax, SD, where he also attended school. He married his high school sweetheart, Gladys Irene Boettcher, on July 14, 1958. Shortly after their marriage, Dean and Gladys moved to Rapid City, South Dakota.

After relocating to Rapid City, Dean accepted a position with Barton Masonry, where he completed his masonry apprenticeship. Upon finishing his training, he partnered with Bill Singer to launch their first masonry business. Five years later, Dean ventured out on his own and established Horst Masonry, which he owned and operated for more than 45 years.

Over the years, Dean became a successful business owner in Rapid City, founding and operating several ventures, including Horst Rentals, Horst Concrete Pumping, Contractors Insulation, Drywall Supply (CIDS), and Horst Developments.

Dean was a longtime member of the Construction Industry Center, earning several awards in recognition of the exceptional craftsmanship of his masonry company. He was also a longstanding member of the Moose Lodge and South Canyon Lutheran Church.

As the patriarch of his family, Dean led by example, teaching that success comes from hard work and commitment to one's passion. A visionary at heart, he saw opportunities where others did not and built successful businesses through determination, resilience, and innovation—without formal education. Always eager to learn, Dean worked tirelessly to provide for his family. His legacy lives on through the values he instilled and the lasting, positive impact he made on generations to come.

Survivors grateful for having shared his life include his wife of 67 years, Gladys Horst; sons Lester Horst (Donna), Doug Horst (Anne), Randy Horst, and Arlen Horst; daughter Teresa Larson (Lonny); grandchildren Shannon Horst, Melinda Barrett, Melissa Quenzer, Lance Horst, Nichole Fischer, Brooke Nichols, Hope Hartman, Tiffany Miles, Melanie Farber, Jonathan Horst, Mandilyn LaTour, Chris Schweitzer, Frances Weglin, Kayla Gehrke, Kevin Horst, Riley Larson, and Sophia Larson; and thirty great-grandchildren.

Dean was preceded in death by his father, Gus Horst; mother, Irene Horst; brothers Bob and Jerry Horst; sister Phyllis Dethlefs; daughter-in-law Chanda Horst; and grandsons Christopher and Keith Horst.

Visitation will be held from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. on Monday, December 22, 2025, at South Canyon Lutheran Church. Funeral services will follow at 10:30 a.m. on the same day at the church.