

Dean Elroy Gerry

Dean Elroy Gerry was born July 25, 1940, at Sioux Falls, SD, to Harold and Eleanor (Overcash) Gerry. Following graduation from high school, he enlisted in the United States Air Force. He was honorably discharged and returned to Sioux Falls.

He married Bonnie Garner at Rapid City on April 9, 1961.

Dean worked as a civilian contractor for the South Dakota Air National Guard. He joined the South Dakota Highway Patrol in 1968. In 1977, he was hired as the Chief of Police in Beresford, SD. In 1987, the family moved to Rapid City where they managed apartments. They returned to Sioux Falls where they continued to manage apartments before returning to the Black Hills in 2003. They managed Bethlehem Cave for two seasons before retiring to Sturgis.

Dean enjoyed hunting and fishing.

Dean, 72, Sturgis, died Friday, May 17, 2013, at the VA Black Hills Health Care Center at Fort Meade.

Survivors include his wife, Bonnie Gerry, Sturgis; son, Scott Gerry, Sturgis; daughter, Lila (Lenny) Neuroth, Beresford; brother, Gordon Graham, Madison, WI; sisters, Deon VanDenBerg, Sioux Falls, Janet (John) Wilcox, Sioux Falls, and Kristy (Mike) Millikan, Lincoln, NE; five grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents and two brothers.

A memorial has been established to the Hospice Unit at Fort Meade.

Condolences may be sent to the family at www.kinkadee.funerals.com.



In Loving Memory Of

Dean Gerry

1940 ~ 2013

*The family invites you to join them for fellowship and lunch
at the Sturgis Vet's Club following the committal service.
We thank you for your presence and condolences.*



Miss Me - But Let Me Go

*When I come to the end of the road
And the sun has set for me,
I want no rites in a gloom-filled room
Why cry for a soul set free.*

*Miss me a little - but not for long
And not with your head bowed low
Remember the Love that we once shared
Miss Me - But let Me Go.*

*For this is a journey we all must take
And each must go alone
It's all a part of the Master's plan
And a step on the road to home.*

*When you are lonely and sick of heart
Go to the friends we know
And bury your sorrows in doing good deeds
Miss Me - But Let Me Go*

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Born

July 25, 1940
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Died

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Fort Meade, South Dakota

Funeral Service

Wednesday, May 22, 2013, at 1:30 p.m.
Kinkade Funeral Chapel

Officiating

Rev. Denzel Nonhof

Musical Selections

"Laura's Theme"
"How Great Thou Art"
"One Day At A Time"

Pallbearers

Leo Bestgen ~ Chauncey Bates ~ Aaron O'Connor
John Gross ~ Lenny Neuroth ~ Rob Andresen

Military Honors

Sturgis Veteran's Honor Guard

Interment

Black Hills National Cemetery
Sturgis, South Dakota