



## Thomas McGlade

Thomas McGlade, 94, passed away May 8th, 2023, at Meadow Winds Assisted Living in Casper, Wyoming.

Tom was born in Waterloo, Iowa to Joseph and Loretta (Weiland) McGlade on December 1, 1928. He grew up in Waterloo, attended Sacred Heart Church and school, and spent his early adult years working as a

third-generation bricklayer in the Waterloo area. He was a Seabee in the Naval Reserve and became a police-officer in Waterloo, working his way up to Sergeant. He met his first wife, Catherine Harn, while delivering papers to her house. They were married in April of 1948 and raised five children, Thomas W., Suzanne, Daniel, John and William. The family later moved to Deadwood, South Dakota after taking annual vacations in the Hills. While in Deadwood, Tom worked at different jobs including trucking, logging, and police work. He and Catherine later divorced, and Tom briefly moved back to Waterloo. He returned to Deadwood and eventually moved to Whitewood, South Dakota, where he became the town's Police Chief. It was in Whitewood where he met his second wife, Meriel Lillis and her three young boys. They married in April of 1977 and with her boys, Tom started a new chapter in his life.

During his time in Whitewood, Tom was Police Chief (and only policeman), served on the city council and later served as Mayor. Tom resided in Whitewood until his 91st birthday when he moved to Casper and his new home at Meadow Winds. Tom resided at Meadow Winds until his passing.

Tom is survived by five of his six children with Catherine: Tom (Donna) McGlade, Sue (Tim) Hinker, Dan (Teresa) McGlade, John (Mindy) McGlade, Bill (Kelly) McGlade; and one stepson, Ricky Lillis; Tom was also blessed with his grandchildren: Jeff, Amy, Jared, Nick, Nicholas, Katie Jo, Erin, Joshua, Daniel Allen, Austin, and Kaitlyn; as well as several great-grandchildren; Tom is also survived by his brother, Richard (Dorothy) McGlade as well as numerous nieces and nephews.

He is preceded in death by his first wife, Catherine; second wife, Meriel; Tom and Catherine's first born, Kathleen (passed shortly after her birth); his parents, Joseph and Loretta; as well as two of Meriel's three boys, Clayton, and Curtis Lillis.

Tom will be cremated and interred at his family plot in Whitewood overlooking his adopted town, home, and the beauty of his beloved Black Hills.

The family thanks the administration, nurses and staff of Meadow Winds for the wonderful home they provided Tom, the directors and nurses of Caring Edge Hospice for their loving care, and Tom's fellow residents at Meadow Wind for enthusiastically welcoming him into their community.

Condolences may be sent to the family at [www.kinkadefunerals.com](http://www.kinkadefunerals.com).



*The family would like you to join them for fellowship and refreshments and snacks following the service at the church hall.*

*Thank you for your presence and condolences.*

*In Loving Memory Of*



**Thomas McGlade**

**December 1, 1928 ~ May 8, 2023**



*To Protect and Serve*



*I'm Free*

*Don't grieve for me, for now I'm free  
I'm following the path God has laid you see.  
I took His hand when I heard His call  
I turned my back and left it all.*

*I could not stay another day  
To laugh, to love, to work or play.  
Tasks left undone must stay that way  
I found the peace at the close of day.*

*If my parting has left a void  
Then fill it with remembered joys - -  
A friendship shared, a laugh, a kiss  
Oh yes, these things I too will miss.*

*Be not burdened with times of sorrow.  
I wish you the sunshine of tomorrow.  
My life's been full, I savored much,  
Good friends, good times, a loved one's touch.*

*Perhaps my time seemed all too brief - -  
Don't lengthen it now with undue grief.  
Lift up your hearts, and peace to thee - -  
God wanted me now: He set me free.*

*Thank you for your years of service*

*In Loving Memory Of  
Thomas McGlade*

*Born*

December 1, 1928  
Waterloo, Iowa

*Died*

May 8, 2023  
Casper, Wyoming

*Memorial Services*

Saturday, May 27, 2023, at 1:00 p.m.  
Black Hills Baptist Church  
Whitewood, South Dakota

*Officiant*

Pastor Sean Donnelly

*Musical Selections*

"Amazing Grace" "How Great Thou Art" "You Say (I Believe)"

*Military Honors*

United States Naval Reserve Seabee Mobile Construction Battalion

*Final Resting Place*

Whitewood Cemetery  
Whitewood, South Dakota

"For where two or three gather in my name, there am I with them."  
Matthew 18:20