

Tom Hunt, 87, of Sturgis, SD, passed away on November 14, 2023 at Monument Health Sturgis Hospital surrounded by his loving family. He was born on March 6, 1936, in Sturgis, SD, and was a lifetime resident.

In elementary school Tom attended the St. Martin's Catholic School through 2<sup>nd</sup> grade. Tom graduated from Sturgis High School in 1955. He was an avid athlete and participated in football, basketball and track for the Scoopers. Tom ran the chains for the Scoopers football team for 25 years. He was a lifelong Scooper fan, sparking his children's interest in sports. You could find Tom at almost any Scooper sporting event and the biggest supporter and fan of his children's sporting activities.

Tom joined the Army in 1955 and was a Paratrooper/Medic in Germany. He was in the 1085<sup>th</sup> Medical Detachment / Helicopter Ambulance Unit. He belonged to the South Dakota National Guard for 30 years in the 109<sup>th</sup> Engineer Battalion (maintenance). He was a life time member of the 11<sup>th</sup> Airborne Division. He retired from the South Dakota National Guard as a Sergeant First Class.

Tom graduated in 1960 from the Medical Technology College in Minneapolis Minnesota. He completed 4 years of Laboratory training including military training. Tom began his Laboratory career in the Belle Fouche Hospital advancing to the Sturgis Hospital in 1961, as the Laboratory Supervisor for 31 years.

Throughout his lifetime he was a life guard at Bear Butte Swimming Pool, medic with the Sturgis Ambulance, active member of the Sturgis Jaycees, served as the Assistant Fire Chief for the Sturgis Fire Department, active in coaching youth Little League Baseball and Basketball and Boy Scout Leader.

Tom was a lifelong member of the St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Church in Sturgis, South Dakota.

Tom is survived by his loving wife Margaret of 63 years; six children, Michele Mueller (late husband John), Greg Hunt (Ramona), Colette Decker (Randy), Elizabeth Hansey (Shaun), Patrick Hunt (deceased) and Charlie Hunt (Stacy). He was also blessed with seventeen grandchildren: Rosalie, Margaret, Joey, Matt, Maddie, Drew, Mollie, Marah, Clint, Nick, Stephanie, DJ, Tommy, Evan, Sayde, Blayn and Brox. Additionally, he leaves behind fourteen great grandchildren: Cody, Jackson, Avery, Reegan, Beckett, Ben, Blake, Ella, Landon, Ridley, Charles, Bailey, Rory and Robert. He is also survived by his half brother Charles.

Tom was preceded in death by his parents, Charles and Renee, step father Glenn (Pete), his half-brother Jim, sister Leona, son-in-law John and son Patrick.

In memory of Tom, donations can be made to the Cathedral of St. Joseph Catholic Sunday TV Mass for the Homebound in Sioux Falls, South Dakota or the St. Jude's Research Hospital.

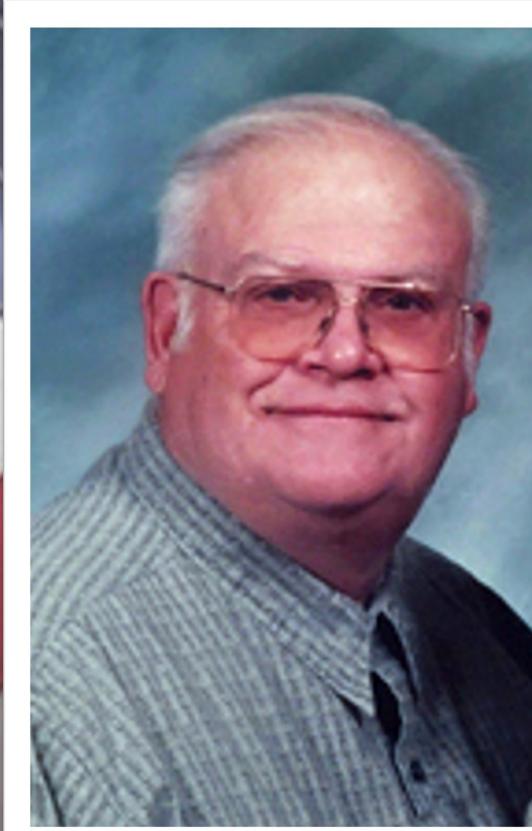
Condolences may be sent to the family at [www.kinkadefunerals.com](http://www.kinkadefunerals.com).

*The family invites you to join them for lunch and fellowship  
in the church hall, following the burial.  
Thank you for your presence and condolences.*

*In Loving Memory Of*

**Thomas Harry Hunt**

**March 6, 1936 ~ November 14, 2023**



*“When God places His hands on  
someone, it is time for us to take our  
hands off.” ~ Dr. Harold Fromm*

*In Loving Memory Of*  
**Thomas Harry Hunt**

*Little did we know that morning,  
God was going to call your name.  
In life we loved you dearly.  
In death we do the same.*

*It broke our hearts to lose you.  
You did not go alone,  
for part of us went with you  
the day God called you home.*

*You left us peaceful memories.  
Your love is still our guide.  
And though we cannot see you,  
you are always at our side.*

*Our family chain is broken  
and nothing seems the same,  
but as God calls us one by one,  
the Chain will link again.*

**Born**

March 6, 1936  
Sturgis, South Dakota

**Died**

November 14, 2023  
Sturgis, South Dakota

**Mass of Christian Burial**

Tuesday, November 21, 2023, 11:00 a.m.  
St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Church  
Sturgis, South Dakota

**Officiant**

Father Josh Lee

**Musical Selections**

**Pallbearers**

Dick Weisy	LeRoy Drainer	Arnold Bell
Bud Kopp	Chuck Foulks	Chuck Baker

**Honorary Pallbearers**

All His Sons,  
Grandchildren & Great Grandchildren

**Military Honors**

Sturgis Volunteer Honor Guard  
SD Army National Guard

**Final Resting Place**

Black Hills National Cemetery  
Sturgis, South Dakota