

Gerald Langin made his last cast on July 25, 2024.

Gerald was born to Frances and Bernice Langin April 13, 1942 at the Deadwood Hospital. After WWII they initially settled in Richland, Washington, but by 1949 they returned to Sturgis. Langin Auto Salvage was the center of Gerald's time where he worked on anything with a motor on his journey to become a mechanic. Gerald graduated from Sturgis Brown High School in 1961 where he lettered in football and basketball and a member of SMAS. After high school he attended SDSU, where he discovered college was not his course. He was soon drafted into the U.S. Army and promptly sent to Vietnam, serving two tours. During his Army service, Gerald was bestowed the Service Medals for Vietnam, National Defense, and Army Commendation for Military Merit. During his tours he was exposed to Agent Orange, which eventually succumbed his life.

Returning from Vietnam, Gerald first worked in the mines in Denver, but determined that Sturgis was his home and he never left. Gerald was on the Sturgis police force for many years, but his path was always as a mechanic. When Frances retired from the auto salvage, Gerald took over the business until he retired, providing parts and services for everyone.

Gerald was an amazing friend and was always volunteering his time to serve the community, including donating cars to the fire department for their training. Gerald taught the Hunter Safety course in person for many years. Gerald was never one to sit around; earning his black belt in Tae Kwon Do, as well as a sharpshooter winning many awards on the firing range, an avid hunter and fisher with many stories and pictures to prove it. There was never a trout he didn't like, or a cup of coffee with the morning crew.

Gerald was preceded in death by his parents, Francis and Bernice Langin, and survived by his brother, Rick Langin and many cousins.

Although he never married, he had a longterm relationship with Penny Harvey Green and from that had a special bond with her children, Toni Green Auld of Virginia Beach, VA; Tim Green of Pueblo, CO; Tammy Green of Sand Springs, OK, as well as their children.

Friends and family are invited for Gerald's Celebration of Life at Kinkade Funeral Chapel, Sturgis, SD, October 5, 2024 at 1:00 p.m. with a reception immediately following at Oasis on Main Street.

In lieu of flowers please donate to your favorite charity or to Black Hills Fly Fishers on Gerald's behalf: Black Hills Fly Fishers, PO Box 1621, Rapid City, SD 57709.

Condolences may be sent to the family at www.kinkadefunerals.com.

Gone Fishin'

***If someone should ask for me,
Tell' em heaven is where I'll be.
I've finished all of my life's chores,
and now I fish on heaven's shores.***

***The view is grand and the fishing's great,
but I yearn for you as I wait.
I'll save a spot on the river's bend,
for all those I call family and friend.***

***But for now, sail out to sea,
and make a cast in memory,
to all the good times that you had with me,
so the memories will ever be.***

***And if the fish no longer bite,
or seem no longer worth the fight,
because it's me that you are missin'
don't worry, be glad, I've only gone fishin'***

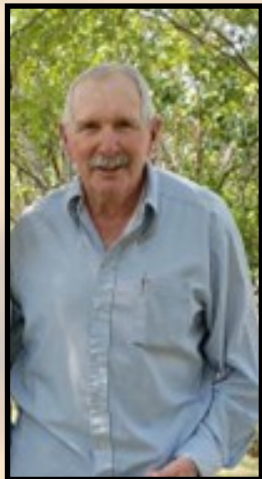
~David Ritter

In Loving Memory Of Gerald Albert Langin



April 13, 1942 ~ July 25, 2024

***When I enter through the pearly gates
And come into your glory land,
Instead of the mansion you promised,
How about just an ole tree stand?***



Gone Hunting

*Remember the smiles and not the tears
For all the hunts throughout the years
Don't dwell on things left unsaid
Cherish the memories we had instead
Like the crisp mornings and dusky nights
A trophy buck within our sights
Deer camp with friends and family
These moments meant so much to me
So don't cry for me because life is done,
Stalking the fields has just begun
Come fall my smiles adjourn your face
Knowing I've only gone hunting...
in a better place.*

~David Ritter



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First Cast

April 13, 1942
Deadwood, South Dakota

Last Cast

July 25, 2024
Fort Meade, South Dakota

Farewell Service

Saturday, October 5, 2024, 1:00 p.m.
Black Hills Funeral Home
Sturgis, South Dakota

Speakers

Rick Langin Tim Green
Toni Green Auld

Military Honors

SD Army National Guard
Sturgis Volunteer Honor Guard

Final Resting Place

Monday, October 14, 2024, 10:00 a.m.
Black Hills National Cemetery
Sturgis, South Dakota

*The family invites you to join them for a reception at
The Oasis on Main Street, following the service.
Thank you for your presence and condolences.*