

George William Arndt

George William Arndt was born May 5, 1942, in Johnstown, CO, to Samuel and Esther (Rutz) Arndt. He served his country in the US Air Force from 1960 until his honorable discharge in 1963. While serving in Vietnam, he held positions in military police and as a gunner when his aircraft was shot down.

During the 1972 flood in Rapid City, George was president of the Black Hills Diving Club. He was in charge of four teams of divers rescuing people the night of the flood and recovery for weeks after. He was a long-time employee for MG Oil where he worked as a fabricator. George also served as the assistant fire chief in Piedmont and the fire chief in Black Hawk. During his years serving both volunteer fire departments, he was instrumental in getting equipment for them. He helped fight several wildfires in the Black Hills. One of George's favorite things was playing Santa Claus in the Rushmore Mall, which he did for several years. George's favorite hobby was stained glass in which he won many blue ribbons.

George, 78, Rapid City, died Monday, July 27, 2020, at Avantara St. Cloud in Rapid City.

He is survived by his son, William (Shirley) Arndt; daughter, Misty (George) Luckie; granddaughter, Debbie (Shawn) Popkes; grandson, Cody Arndt; three great-grandchildren; and one great-great-granddaughter.

Condolences can be sent to www.kinkadefunerals.com.



We thank you for your presence and condolences.





In Memory Of
George William Arndt

Date of Birth

May 5, 1942
Johnstown, Colorado

Date of Death

July 27, 2020
Rapid City, South Dakota

Committal Service

Tuesday, August 4, 2020, at 11:30 a.m.
Black Hills National Cemetery
Sturgis, South Dakota

Clergy

Chaplain Brent Woodard

Pallbearers

William Arndt ~ Gary Arndt ~ George Luckie ~ Gerry Gauthier
Josh Higgins ~ Matthew Moulton ~ Kurt Klunder ~ Robert Puhlman

Military Honors

Ellsworth Air Force Base
V.F.W. Post 1273

Final Resting Place

Black Hills National Cemetery
Sturgis, South Dakota

***Piedmont Volunteer Fire Department and Black Hawk Volunteer Fire
Department Engine Escort will be taking George home to the Black Hills
National Cemetery***



A Letter From Heaven
When tomorrow starts without me,
and I'm not here to see,
If the sun should rise and find your
eyes, filled with tears for me.
I wish so much you wouldn't cry,
the way you did today,
While thinking of the many things,
we didn't get to say.
I know how much you love me,
as much as I love you.
And each time you think of me,
I know you'll miss me too.
When tomorrow starts without me,
don't think we're far apart,
for every time you think of me,
I'm right there in your heart.