

## Vernon Andrew Howie

Vernon "Andy" Howie, 74, of Newell, SD, passed away on Monday, November 13, 2023, surrounded by loved ones at Fort Meade VA hospital.

Andy was born to Raymond and Georgia Howie on May 30, 1949. He grew up in White Owl, SD.

Andy worked in the Oil fields, was a prominent handyman, and a custodian for the Newell School district. He spent countless hours assisting others within the community with tree trimming, plumbing, and other needed services. He served in the 25<sup>th</sup> Infantry in Little Bear, as a gunner and crew chief, fighting out of Cu' Chi. He made it home to marry the love of his life, Tresa Bonato in 1975.

Andy was a decorated war hero, and a prominent staple of the community. He spent his life devoted to service, He was the City Commissioner, served on the City Council for 10 years and was the Fire Chief in Newell, SD. He also belonged to the American Legion, Paralyzed Veterans of America, V.V.A., V.F.W., and the D.A.V. He enjoyed time with his friends, Steve & Kay, Phill & Karen, and Bob & Kay. Above anything Andy cherished what mattered in life most to him, his family, his friends, and his two dogs.

Andy is survived by his devoted wife of 48 years: Tresa; father: Raymond Howie; brothers: Ron (Kerry) Howie, and Mike (Linda) Howie; sister-in-law: Kristy Bonato; four beautiful children: Michelle (Robert) Vining, Cody (Raymond) Baker, Amber Howie, and Robby (Sara) Howie; eighteen wonderful grandchildren: Raven, Sloane, Meagan, Miranda, Katelyn, Torin, Chance, Tristen, Amber, Hannah, Taya, Mieka, Desirae, Dylan, Hayden, Jaden, Ashton, and Ava; twenty-two great-grandchildren with 3 more on the way; he loved his nieces: Darcy Bates, Melinda Stewart, Amanda Geer, and Tanna Holzer; and nephews: Dustin Schmidt, Sean Bonato, Jamin Bonato, and Nathan Howie.

Andy was preceded in death by his grandparents, Betty (Alden) Hobbs, and Art (Phyllis) Bonato; his mother, Georgia (Moravec) Howie; and his brother-in-law, Bob Bonato; his nephews, Tony Howie, and Trent Howie.

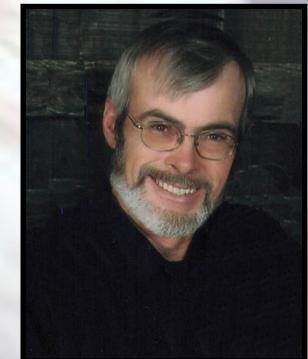
A memorial has been established to Healing Waters.

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

**Thank you for your service!**

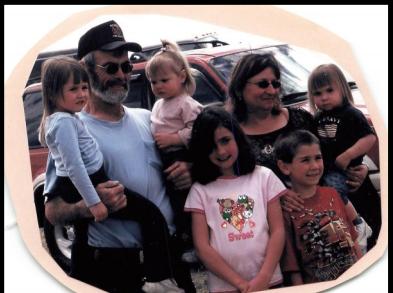
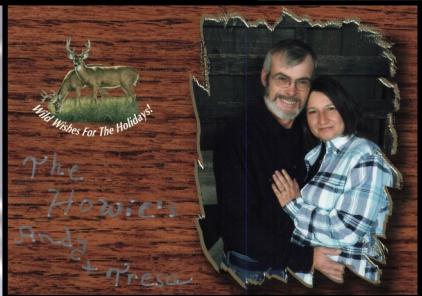
*The family would like to invite you for fellowship at the Vet's Club at 868 Main Street in Sturgis. We thank you for your presence and condolences.*

***In Loving Memory Of***



***Vernon Andrew Howie***

***May 30, 1949 ~ November 13, 2023***



## *In Loving Memory Of* **Vernon Andrew Howie**

### **Born**

May 30, 1949

Rapid City, South Dakota

### **Died**

November 13, 2023

Fort Meade, South Dakota

### **Funeral Service**

Friday, November 17, 2023, 10:00 a.m.

Kinkade Funeral Chapel  
Sturgis, South Dakota

### **Officiant**

Reverend Harold Delbridge

### **Musical Selections**

“Wild Fire” “Something To Believe In”

### **Pallbearers**

Sean Bonato Ron Howie Mike Howie  
Nathan Howie Robert Vining Phil Thornhill

### **Honorary Pallbearers**

Grandchildren and Great-Grandchildren

### **Military Honors**

Sturgis Veteran’s Honor Guard  
U.S. Army Honor Guard

### **Final Resting Place**

Black Hills National Cemetery  
Sturgis, South Dakota