

It is with great sadness and love that we mourn the passing of Dwight Thomas Gray of Belle Fourche, S.D. on February 19, 2024 at 71 years of age. His battle with cancer was long and difficult at times, but he showed great courage and strength in facing his toughest challenges.

Dwight, better known as Tom to his family and friends, was born in Oakland, Ca., on October 24, 1952.

Tom served in the United States Air Force on Kincheloe AFB in Michigan from 1972-1976. His final rank was Sgt. when honorably discharged.

He was always active, never shied away from hard work. He enjoyed being outdoors and camping. He was the self-proclaimed champion of everything from frisbee throwing to cribbage. He had several careers over his lifetime. He installed and cleaned carpets, he was a baker, he did carpentry and maintenance. He had many skills, but he was most proud of the years that he worked a firefighter in the Airforce and in Canada.

Tom is predeceased by his parents, Joseph and Dora Anthony, and Maurice Gray; his sister, Danica, and his stepmother, Sandra Gray. He is survived by his loving wife of 15 years, Tracie; his children, Heather (Barry) Yakimchuk, Summer (Kelly) Boyson, and Joe (Wendy) Gray. He leaves behind his six grandchildren, Chase (Ally), Morgan (Tia), Branden, Bethany (Mack), Elijah, Emma, and his two great grandchildren, James and Wyatt. The loss will also be felt by his caring step family, Chris (Roberta) and Shaun (Laura) as well as their 6 children. Tom has numerous other close family and friends that have brought love and laughter into his life.

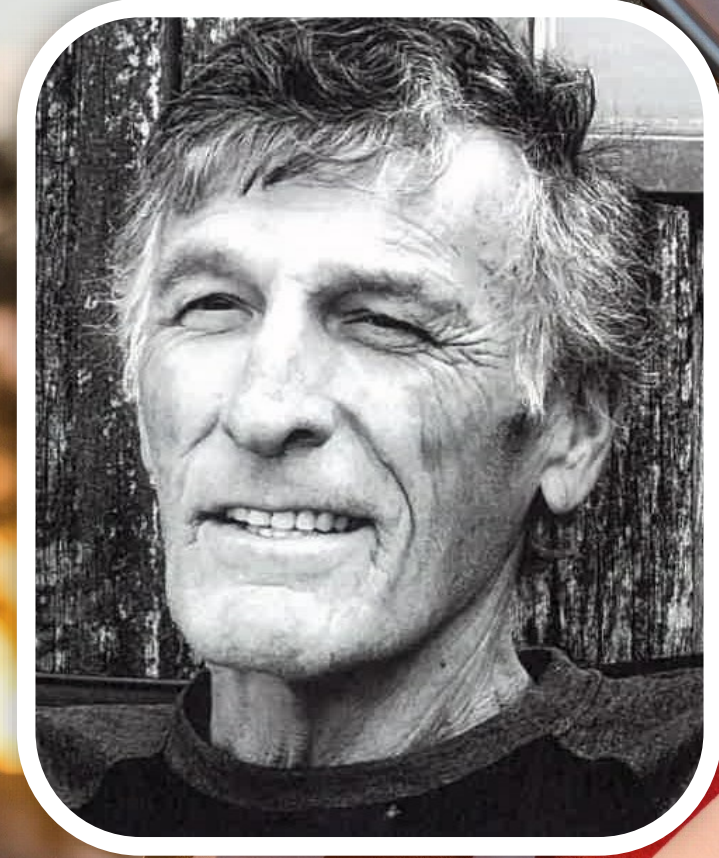
Tom was a passionate man, he had strong opinions, and enjoyed lively conversations where he shared his opinions. He loved watching football, old westerns and Fox News. He loved his guitar, his dog, and being with friends and family. Despite his age and health, he had grand dreams and future plans with Tracie and talked about them until end.

In lieu of flowers, please make donations to Wounded Warriors Project.

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

Thank you for your presence and condolences.

In Loving Memory Of



Dwight Thomas Gray

October 24, 1952 ~ February 19, 2024

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Day is Done
(Taps)

Fading light dims the sight
And a star gems the sky, gleaming bright
From afar drawing nigh,
Falls the night.

Day is done, gone the sun
From the hills, from the lake, from the sky
All is well, safely rest;
God is nigh.

Then goodnight, peaceful night;
Till the light of the dawn shineth bright.
God is near, do not fear,
Friend, goodnight.

Born

October 24, 1952
Oakland, California

Died

February 19, 2024
Belle Fourche, South Dakota

Graveside Service

Monday, August 26, 2024, 1:00 p.m.
Black Hills National Cemetery
Sturgis, South Dakota

Officiant

Pastor John Tesnow

Honorary Pallbearers

Rick Cotta Terry Fox Brad Baucom

Military Honors

Ellsworth Air Force Base Honor Guard
Sturgis VFW Volunteer Honor Guard

Final Resting Place

Black Hills National Cemetery
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