



## **Eric Scott Tibbetts**

Eric Scott Tibbetts was born June 4, 1959, in Portland, OR, to Wendell R. and Phyllis D. (Brought) Tibbetts. He attained his BS from the University of Oregon in 1987 and his MS in education from Pacific University in 2003. Eric was currently working as the Water Superintendent for the City of Sturgis.

Eric served in the US Marine Corp from 1976 to 1977. He later served in the Army National Guard in 1991 and from 1993 to 1995, where he was deployed during the Gulf War.

Eric married Patricia Baker in Portland on September 23, 1998.

Eric was a member of the VFW, the Sturgis Golden K Kiwanis, and was past president of APWA. Eric served as a reserve policeman for the Sturgis police department for several years.

Eric, 52, Sturgis, died Wednesday, October 12, 2011, at the Dept. of Veterans Affairs, Fort Meade Hospice Unit.

He is survived by his wife, Patty Tibbetts, Sturgis; his mother, Phyllis Nutt, McMinnville, OR; two brothers, Daniel Tibbetts, Portland, and Jason Nutt, Santa Rosa, CA; special son, Joshua Ropa, New York City, NY; special friend, Teresa Ropa, Vancouver, WA; and two nephews, Samuel and Logan Tibbetts, Portland, OR.

He was preceded in death by his father.

In lieu of flowers, a memorial has been established to the Fort Meade Hospice Center in Eric's name.

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



## ***In Loving Memory Of***



***Eric Tibbetts***

***1959 ~ 2011***



*The family invites everyone to a time of fellowship and lunch in the church hall immediately following the funeral service.*

*We thank you for your presence and condolences.*



*God saw he was getting tired  
and a cure was not to be  
So He put His arms around him  
And whispered "come to Me."  
With tearful eyes  
we watched him suffer  
And saw him fade away  
Although we loved him dearly  
We could not make him stay.  
A golden heart stopped beating  
Hardworking hands to rest  
God broke our hearts to prove to us  
He takes the very best.*



*In Loving Memory Of*  
***Eric Scott Tibbetts***

***Born***

June 4, 1959  
Portland, Oregon

***Died***

October 12, 2011  
Fort Meade, South Dakota

***Funeral Service***

Monday, October 17, 2011, at 10:00 a.m.  
Believers Fellowship Church

***Officiating***

Pastor John Williamson

***Musical Selections***

"Into The Mystic"  
"I Can Only Imagine"

***Pallbearers***

Pete Pi, Jr. ~ Bob Mechling ~ Dan Mayer  
Adam Martin ~ John Hughes ~ Bob Kaufman

***Military Honors***

Sturgis Veterans Honor Guard

***Interment***

Black Hills National Cemetery

