

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.*



Thank you for your presence and condolences.



In Loving Memory Of
Benjamin "Ben" Lee Simpson
June 5, 1950 ~ July 13, 2024

Benjamin “Ben” Simpson

Benjamin “Ben” Simpson, passed away on July 14, 2024 at the Fort Meade VA Hospital, Fort Meade, SD.

Ben was born to Harold and Ann (Zacher) Simpson on June 5, 1950. He grew up in Rapid City, SD, where he graduated from high school in 1968 and immediately joined the US Air Force. He served in several countries around the world until his retirement in 1992, after attaining the rank of Master Sergeant. He went on to earn a Bachelor of Science Degree in Electrical Engineering and a Master’s Degree in Digital Circuit Design before returning to the Black Hills in 1997. He settled in Belle Fourche, SD, where he began his second career as a government contractor. He retired from this in 2017.

He was a life member of the American Legion, the Disabled American Veterans, and the NRA. His passion was always anything automotive; beginning with cars and later branching into motorcycles. It seemed that he believed that if one was good, two or more would be better! His garage was never empty and there was always a new project (or two) in the works.

Ben is survived by one brother, Edward; three sisters, Susan, Sharon, and Sandra; one son, Ben (residing in England), and four granddaughters, also in England.

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

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Born

June 5, 1950
Rapid City, South Dakota

Died

July 13, 2024
Fort Meade, South Dakota

Graveside Service

Thursday, July 18, 2024 2:30 p.m.
Black Hills National Cemetery
Sturgis, South Dakota

Officiant

Pastor Jon Ballard

Military Honors

US Air Force Honor Guard
Ellsworth AFB

Final Resting Place

Black Hills National Cemetery
Sturgis, South Dakota

