

### George Michael Medley

George was born in Chicago, Illinois, on April 8, 1931. After graduating from high school, he enlisted in the US Air Force. George loved the Air Force life and served with honor--including a tour in Vietnam--until his retirement in 1974. His last posting was to Ellsworth AFB, where he and Joyce fell in love with the Black Hills. They decided Rapid City would be the ideal place to raise their large brood of children.

After retiring from his various civilian jobs, George and Joyce moved to Boulder Canyon. He occupied himself with golfing, tinkering in his shop, and solving the world's problems with the Sturgis McDonald's Coffee Klatch each morning.

George was a man of rare talents, and his most useful skill was 'selective hearing.' He could also wiggle his ears on command, much to the amazement and delight of his young daughters. His greatest joy was his family and nothing made him happier than enjoying a beer with his sons.

The family would like to extend their sincere gratitude to the Ft. Meade VAMC--most especially the Community Living Center and Hospice staff. Their care, kindness, and compassion has been a blessing during this difficult time. Also thank you to Kinkade Funeral Chapel in Sturgis for their expert assistance with arrangements.

George Michael Medley, 83, Sturgis, died at the VAMC Ft. Meade Hospice from complications of Parkinson's disease. In his final moments, he was surrounded by family and he passed peacefully into God's hands on January 1, 2015.

George is survived by his wife Joyce of 62 years, children Michael (Gina), Terry (Song Mi), Gayle (Tom) Ogle, Kathy (Andy) Simonson, Patrick, James, Susan, and Diana (Jack) Henris, twelve grandchildren, and one great-granddaughter. George was a loving husband, father, grandfather and friend to all.

A memorial has been established to the Sturgis Veterans Honor Guard.

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

*The family invites you for fellowship and lunch  
in the church hall following the committal service.  
We thank you for your presence and condolences.*

## In Loving Memory Of



**George Michael Medley**

**1931 ~ 2015**





### **I'm Free**

Don't grieve for me, for now I'm free  
I'm following the path God has laid you see.  
I took His hand when I heard His call  
I turned my back and left it all.

I could not stay another day  
To laugh, to love, to work or play.  
Tasks left undone must stay that way  
I found the peace at the close of day.

If my parting has left a void  
Then fill it with remembered joys - -  
A friendship shared, a laugh, a kiss  
Oh yes, these things I too will miss.

Be not burdened with times of sorrow.  
I wish you the sunshine of tomorrow.  
My life's been full, I savored much,  
Good friends, good times, a loved one's touch.

Perhaps my time seemed all too brief - -  
Don't lengthen it now with undue grief.  
Lift up your hearts, and peace to thee - -  
God wanted me now: He set me free.

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

## **George Michael Medley**

### ***Born***

April 8, 1931  
Chicago, Illinois

### ***Died***

January 1, 2015  
Fort Meade, South Dakota

### ***Vigil***

Tuesday, January 6, 2015, at 7:00 p.m.  
Kinkade Funeral Chapel  
Sturgis, South Dakota

### ***Mass Of Christian Burial***

Wednesday, January 7, 2015, at 10:00 a.m.  
St. Francis Of Assisi Catholic Church  
Sturgis, South Dakota

### ***Officiant***

Father Bill Zandri

***Organist*** ~ Dr. Barry Furze

***Singers*** ~ Myron Volk, Sara Ogle, Stephanie Henris,  
Devin Medley, Sarah Medley and Elisabeth Medley

### ***Special Musical Selections***

"On Eagle's Wings" "Amazing Grace"  
"Ave Maria"

### ***Pallbearers***

Patrick Medley ~ Michael Medley ~ Terry Medley  
James Medley ~ Shane Ogle ~ Anthony Simonson

### ***Honorary Pallbearers***

Tom Ogle ~ Jack Henris ~ Andy Simonson

### ***Military Honors***

Sturgis Veterans Honor Guard

### ***Interment***

Black Hills National Cemetery  
Sturgis, South Dakota