

## ***Keith Duane Marshall***

Keith Marshall was born in Cheyenne Agency, SD in May 14, 1946 to Hazel and Sib Marshall. Mr. Marshall had a strong sense of family; he had 17 brothers and sisters and was very active member in church.

He and his siblings were bussed to the boarding school in Cheyenne Eagle Butte since they lived so far from school. They only saw their family during holidays and long weekends. He was very active in football, track, and band in school. He graduated high school in 1964 and continued on to Northern State University in Aberdeen. He graduated with a two year Elementary Teaching Certificate & Physical Education.

After completing Northern State University, he had an internal battle within himself to become either a minister or join the military. Feeling his dedication to family, country and his urge to help others, in December of 1966, he went to the Sioux Falls Army Recruiter and enlisted as an airborne combat medic. He attended school in Fort Polk, LA; Fort Sam Houston, TX; Fort Benning, GA for paratrooper and airborne combat medic. After completing his training, he was stationed with 101st Airborne at Fort Campbell, KY.

He was sent to Vietnam in December 1967, with the 101st Airborne on the DMZ. He participated in many search and destroy, and combat assault missions. He received his first Bronze Star (with "V") 5 months later. There were active fire fights and deaths of battalion members every few days. On Feb 22, 1968 Keith was injured with shrapnel during a fire fight. He refused medevac choosing to stay and assist as he was the last surviving medic.

During his time in Vietnam he was transferred over to the 173rd Airborne, assisting with aid for US soldiers and locals. During his time with the 173rd Airborne, he was under orders to return to the United States. One day before his flight was to depart Vietnam, a firefight broke out, and due to his selfless actions he was awarded the Silver Star.

Arriving back in South Dakota, he worked in Rapid City for a short time as a paramedic. That was a difficult assignment because during responses, it would bring him right back to Vietnam.

Keith attended welding school in Denver, Colorado becoming a certified welder. He then worked in the Wyoming oil fields for 16 years, also attending college at the University of Wisconsin earning a BA in Human Services. The family later lived 4 years in upstate New York before moving to Sturgis in 2001. Since retirement, his hobbies include dancing, being an active church member, spending time with family & friends, and a very active member in the Disabled American Veterans and Vietnam Veterans of America.

Keith Duane Marshall, died, Wednesday, September 13, 2017 at his home in Sturgis, SD.

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

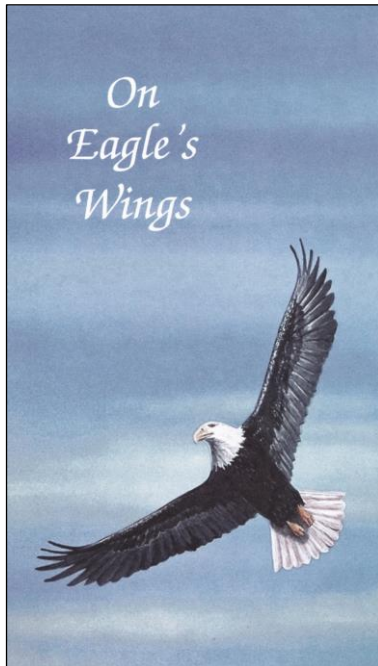
*The family invites you to join them for fellowship and lunch at the Sturgis Vet's Club following the committal service. We thank you for your presence and condolences.*

***In Loving Memory***

## ***Keith Duane Marshall***



***1946 ~ 2017***



***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.***

***In Loving Memory***

***Keith Duane Marshall***

***Born***

May 14, 1946  
Cheyenne Agency, South Dakota

***Died***

September 13, 2017  
Sturgis, South Dakota

***Funeral Service***

Monday, September 18, 2017, at 1:00 p.m.  
Crossroads Assembly of God  
Sturgis, South Dakota

***Officiating***

Pastor Gerald Meadows

***Pallbearers***

Donnie Edwards ~ Curtis Marshall Jr. ~ Karlyle Johnson  
Dustin Johnson ~ Michael Johnson ~ Derrick Hopkins  
John Price ~ Eddie Gunderson

***Military Honors***

Sturgis Veterans Honor Guard

***Interment***

Black Hills National Cemetery  
Sturgis, South Dakota