

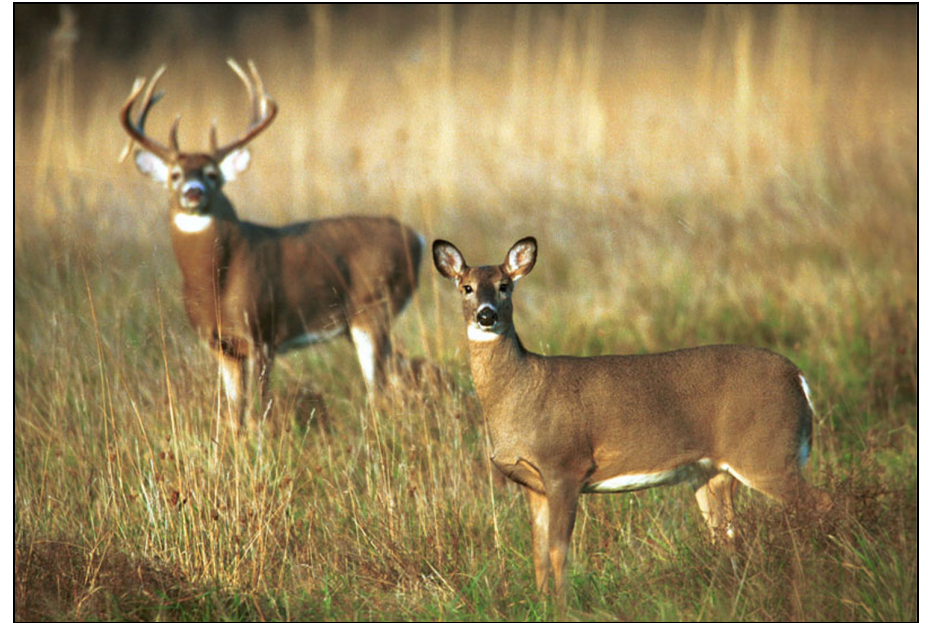
Howard Eugene "Gene" Shaff

Howard Eugene "Gene" Shaff was born in Edison, SD, on September 5, 1925, to Howard and Minnie (Huggins) Shaff. He grew up in Faith and attended school in the Faith and Edison area. Gene married Gertrude Sundstrom on November 11, 1944, in Deadwood, SD. On December 21, 1944, he entered active service in the U.S. Army at Fort Snelling, MN. He spent two years active duty with some of his time in the South Pacific Theater. Gene was honorably discharged on October 17, 1946, at Fort Lewis, WA. He returned home to Faith to his wife and daughter. Gene ranched for a short time before starting a 43-year career with the South Dakota Department of Transportation. He retired in 1988 and remained in Faith with Gertrude until she passed away on November 23, 1996. He later moved into assisted living in Sturgis.

Gene, 85, Sturgis, died Wednesday, August 17, 2011, at Sturgis Regional Senior Care.

Gene is survived by two sons, Doyle (Barb Collins) Shaff, of Sioux Falls and Doron (Sarah) Shaff of Faith; two daughters, Shirley (Leroy) Reinert of Timber Lake and Loretta (Bob Moen) Newell of Quartzsite, AZ; one half-brother and 3 half-sisters; and many grandchildren, great-grandchildren and great-great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by both parents; his wife; a daughter, Sheila; a granddaughter, Maritta; a brother, Wallace; and two half sisters, Anna and Lorraine.



In Loving Memory Of

Gene Shaff

1925 ~ 2011

*The family invites everyone to a time of fellowship and lunch
at the Sturgis Vet's Club following the interment service.
We thank you for your presence and condolences.*

Safely Home

*I am home in Heaven, dear ones;
Oh, so happy and so bright!
There is perfect joy and beauty
In this everlasting light.*

*All the pain and grief is over,
Every restless tossing passed;
I am now at peace forever,
Safely home in Heaven at last.*

*Did you wonder why I so calmly
Trode the valley of the shade?
Oh! But Jesus' love illumined
Every dark and fearful glade.*

*And He came himself to meet me
In that way so hard to tread,
And with Jesus' arm to lean on,
Could I have one doubt or dread?*

*Then you must not grieve so sorely;
For I love you dearly still;
Try to look beyond earth's shadows,
Pray to trust our Father's Will.*

*There is work still waiting for you,
So you must not idly stand;
Do it now, while life remaineth -
You shall rest in Jesus' land.*

*When that work is all completed,
He will gently call you home;
Oh, the rapture of that meeting,
Oh, the joy to see you come!*

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Howard Eugene Shaff

"Gene"

Born

September 5, 1925
Edison, South Dakota

Died

August 17, 2011
Sturgis, South Dakota

Funeral Service

Tuesday, August 23, 2011, at 10:00 a.m.
Kinkade Funeral Chapel

Officiating

Pastor Muriel Oates

Special Music

Roxie Chowen

Musical Selections

"Amazing Grace"
"How Great Thou Art"

Pallbearers

Arlen Hulm ~ Leon Engel ~ Larry Fairbanks
Leroy Scofield ~ Wayne Doak ~ Raymond Ross

Interment

Bear Butte Cemetery
Sturgis, South Dakota