

Howard was born on July 21, 1949, in Sioux Falls, South Dakota, to Peter and Dorothy (DeJong) Swier. Howard grew up in Colton, where he enjoyed playing football and basketball and formed friendships that lasted a lifetime.

On December 19, 1970, Howard married the love of his life, Diana Jean Headrick. Together they raised “the two best kids,” Chris and Stacey. Family was always at the center of Howard’s world, and his greatest joy came from being a grandfather to Kaetlin, Kobe, Christopher, and Spencer. He was their biggest fan, never missing a sporting event and proudly supporting his children and grandchildren in all they did.

Howard treasured his time spent golfing with his buddies, fishing with his sister and brother-in-law, playing cards with friends and neighbors and playing beerball with the guys. At home, he found comfort napping with his cats and trying—often unsuccessfully—to take selfies with his beloved cat, Buddy. He also looked forward to his weekly afternoons at the bar, where laughter and friendship were always plentiful. Howard enjoyed being a member of West Nidaros Lutheran Church.

He was preceded in death by his father, Peter; his mother, Dorothy; his sister and brother-in-law, Barb and Ron Meyer; his brother, Kevin; his grandson, Spencer; and his nephew, Duane.

Howard is survived by his loving wife, Diana; his beloved children, Chris (Tonja) and Stacey; his cherished grandchildren, Kobe, Kaetlin, and Christopher; as well as his cousins and many nieces and nephews.

In Memory Of

Howard Dean Swier

July 21, 1949 ~ January 15, 2026

Prayer Service

2:30 PM Saturday

January 24, 2026

Minnehaha Funeral Home

Colton, South Dakota

Pastor Jarred Rakness, Officiating

Special Music

“Amazing Grace” Alan Jackson

“How Great Thou Art” Joey and Rory

“Love Will Turn You Around” Kenny Rogers

Pallbearers

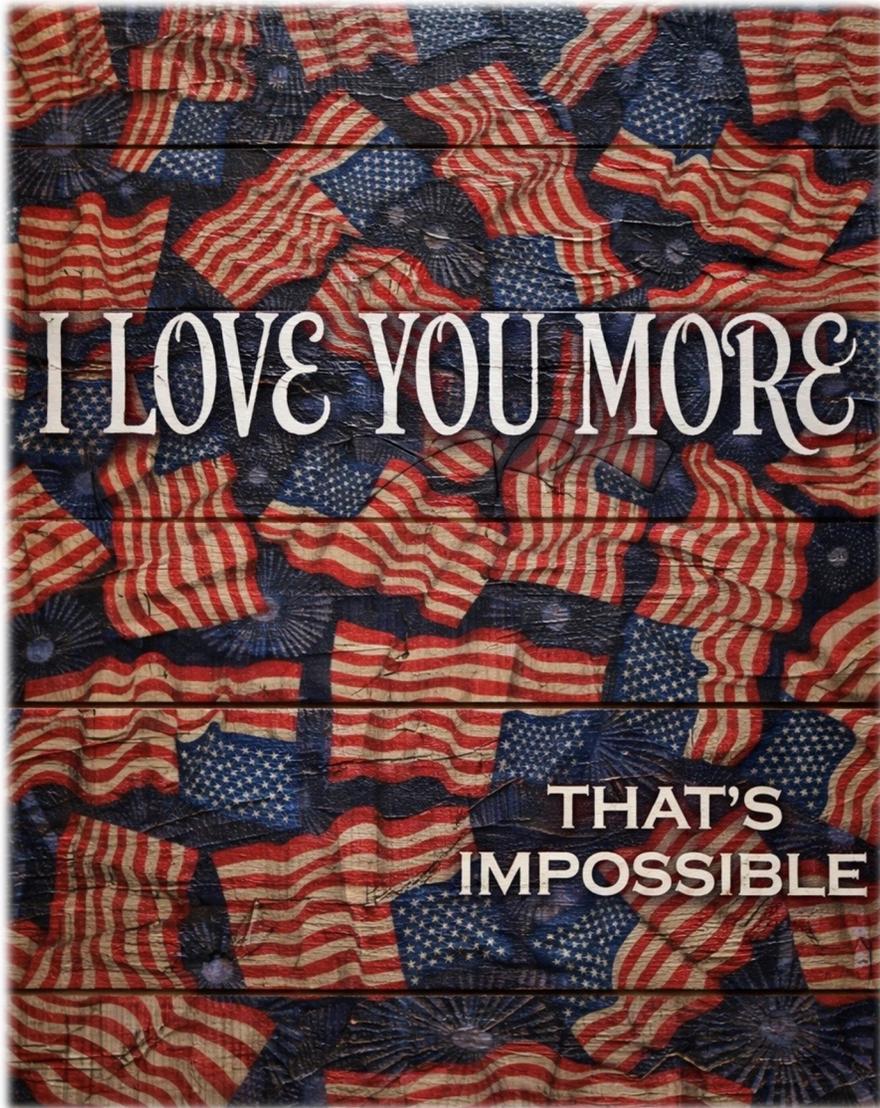
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Angel Soto Kobe Swier Christopher Tasler

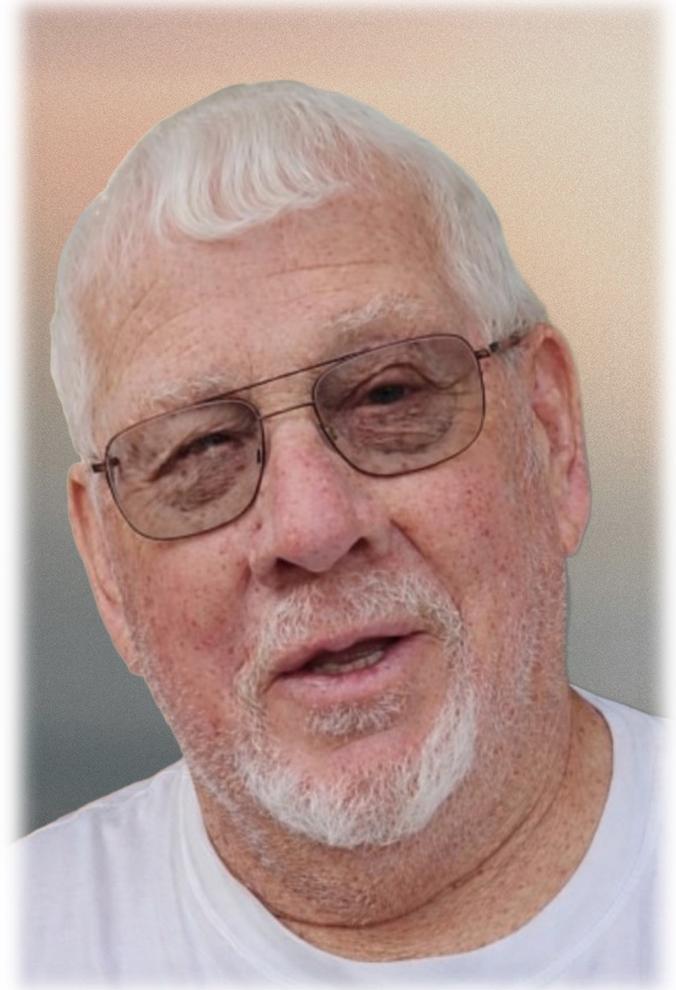
Interment

St. Ansgar Cemetery

Colton, South Dakota



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