

## Harley Alvin Gray

Harley Alvin Gray was born January 10, 1947, in rural Douglas County, Missouri, to Raymond and Lala Gray. He graduated from Norwood (MO) High School in 1964. Harley enlisted in the United States Air Force in 1966. He served for 4 years at Ellsworth AFB including 5 months in Vietnam as crew chief on a B52 bomber.

Harley married Diane Schmautz on November 18, 1967. They were blessed with two children, a daughter, Lisa, in 1969 and a son, Rodney, in 1973. Upon Harley's discharge from the Air Force, they settled in Lead, where he would spend 25 years working for the Homestake Mining Company. While living in Lead, Harley was a member of the Lead volunteer fire department and the Lead volunteer police reserve. In 1997, he went to work for Roth Trucking where he was employed for 2 years. In 1999, he went to work for Trimac Transportation in Rapid City and he and Diane moved to Black Hawk in 2000. Harley worked for Trimac until his health began to fail in August of 2016. He became an accomplished truck driver, finishing in the top 5 in the SD state truck driving competition for 4 consecutive years and earning a trip to the national competition in Pittsburgh, PA, in 2014.

In his spare time, Harley enjoyed fishing, riding his motorcycle, and working on cars and trucks, but his greatest joy, by far, was spending time with his family and friends.

Harley, age 69 of Black Hawk, passed away on Saturday, December 10, 2016, at Rapid City Regional Hospital surrounded by his family.

Grateful for having shared his life are the family members he leaves behind: his wife of 49 years, Diane Gray of Black Hawk; his daughter, Lisa (Jim) Maciejewski of Summerset; his son, Rodney (Terri) Gray of Summerset; 4 grandchildren, Alex (Jordan) Feterl, Dylan Johnson, Jessie Gray, and Jake Gray; a great-grandson due to arrive in January 2017; one sister, Mary Gray of Springfield, MO; 2 brothers, Bill Gray of Kirbyville, MO, and Doyle Gray of Seymour, MO; as well as countless in-laws, nieces, nephews, and great-nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents and a brother, Steve Gray.

A memorial has been established.

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 Black Hawk Fire Department at 6010 Peaceful Pines Road in Black Hawk, following the committal service. We thank you for your presence and condolences.*

## *In Loving Memory Of*



***Harley Alvin Gray***

***1947 ~ 2016***



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***Harley Alvin Gray***

***Born***

January 10, 1947  
Norwood, Missouri

***Died***

December 10, 2016  
Rapid City, South Dakota

***Funeral Service***

Wednesday, December 14, 2016, at 10:00 a.m.  
Kinkade Funeral Chapel  
Sturgis, South Dakota

***Officiant***

Pastor Karl Kroger

***Musical Selections***

“My Church”  
“When I Get Where I Am Going”  
“I’ll Fly Away”  
“How Great Thou Art”

***Pallbearers***

Dylan Johnson ~ Andrew Klunder ~ Jake Gray  
Anthony Klunder ~ Jordan Feterl ~ Kurt Klunder

***Military Honors***

Sturgis Veteran's Honor Guard

***Interment***

Black Hills National Cemetery  
Sturgis, South Dakota

***“A Truckers Prayer”***

Oh Lord be with me today as I head out onto the open road for I know not the dangers that this day may hold with a map by my side

Oh Lord let it be you that is my daily guide and as I head out to where the yellow line never ends  
it sure is good to know that you will be riding with me once again and when I have taken my last load there will be one final trip that I must take one that will be on a road that is paved with gold and there I will rest for there will be no more trips to take once I have entered Heavens Gates.

