

Gene Goff was born in White Owl, SD on June 14, 1944 to Arthur “Tacky” Goff and Rose (Durston) Goff. He attended school in Tilford, SD. He later enlisted and served in the US Navy, being honorably discharged on May 14, 1968. On March 17, 1969 he married Caryl Ann Daum. To this union of wedded bliss three wonderful children were born; Jerry (Lori), Terry (Chelsey), and Tase (Jeremy).

Gene was a rancher and farmer for several years in the Belle Fourche/ St. Onge and Tilford areas. He was later employed by the City of Sturgis in the Maintenance Department. His duties included running every piece of machinery they had including street pavers, road graders and plowing and sanding the streets in the winter months. He also worked as a reserve police officer during the Sturgis Motorcycle Rally, drove for the ambulance service, was a Lieutenant for the Sturgis Volunteer Fire Department, and worked with their Search and Rescue Teams.

In his spare time, he enjoyed doing carpentry work, mowing yards, shoveling snow, and various other odd jobs - and he did it all with a smile on his face! Gene was a member of Calvary Baptist Church, Sturgis, SD, The Red Dale Camping Club and Good Sam Camping Group. Gene was so much fun to be around and loved to play pranks on people - especially on his family! He loved everybody and everybody loved him. He was an awesome husband, father, and grandfather.

Gene Lee Goff, 80, of Sturgis, SD passed away at his home on Monday, May 5, 2025.

He is survived by his wife of 56 years, Caryl; children, Jerry (Lori), Terry (Chelsey) and Tase (Jeremy); grandchildren, Tiffany (Brad), Jerry John (Katarina), Trystin (Jenna), Sheyenne, Austin, and Carli; and eight and ½ great grandchildren. Also surviving are brothers, Wayne and Fred and a sister, Linda.

He was preceded in death by his parents; brothers, Tom, Frankie, James, Troy and a sister, Linda.

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 a meal  
at the church, following the burial.  
Thank you for your presence and condolences.*

# *In Loving Memory*



***Gene Lee Goff***

***June 14, 1944 ~ May 5, 2025***



*The wind whispers his name  
across the plain  
A legacy of strength, a gentle reign.  
He left his mark, a cowboy true,  
His spirit lives on, in me and you.  
We'll remember the tales, the  
laughter and the tears,  
And carry his spirit through  
the passing years.  
Though he's gone, his memory  
will remain,  
A cowboy's heart, forever in  
the rain.*



*In Loving Memory Of  
Gene Lee Goff*

*Born*  
June 14, 1944  
White Owl, South Dakota

*Died*  
May 5, 2025  
Sturgis, South Dakota

*Funeral Service*  
Monday, May 12, 2025, 11:00 a.m.  
Calvary Baptist Church  
Sturgis, South Dakota

*Officiant*  
Pastor Brian Ross

*Musical Selections*  
“Daddy’s Hands” “The Old Rugged Cross”  
“Amazing Grace” “A Cowboy’s Last Ride”

*Pallbearers*  
Austin Dubbelde Monte Reichert Joe Heimer  
Troy Plaggemeyer Tom Dewey Chuck Jones

*Honorary Pallbearers*  
Cully Kieckhafer Brian Kieckhafer Joe Shinost

*Military Honors*  
US Navy Honor Guard  
Sturgis Volunteer Honor Guard

*Final Resting Place*  
Black Hills National Cemetery  
Sturgis, South Dakota