



Let Me Go

When I come to the end of the road
And the sun has set for me
I want no rites in a gloom filled room
Why cry for a soul set free?

Miss me a little, but not for long
And not with your head bowed low
Remember the love that once we shared
Miss me, but let me go.

For this is a journey we all must take
And each must go alone.
It's all part of the master plan
A step on the road to home.

When you are lonely and sick at heart
Go to the friends we know.
Laugh at all the things we used to do
Miss me, but let me go.



In Loving Memory of

Gary "Little Mac" McQuiston

1955 ~ 2025

Gary “Little Mac” McQuiston, age 69, passed away peacefully at his home on April 3, 2025. He was born on May 22, 1955 at St. Mary’s Hospital in Pierre, SD. Gary spent his summers on a fourth-generation family ranch northwest of Fort Pierre, South Dakota. He graduated from Stanley County High School, class of 1973, where he often joked that he walked five miles uphill both ways just to get to class.

A talented athlete, Gary was a record-holding wrestler who carried his love for the sport into coaching, mentoring countless young athletes as an AAU Youth Wrestling coach for the Chamberlain Cubs. His dedication to the sport was only matched by his commitment to his family and his work. For nearly 40 years, Gary worked at Dakota Radio Group, where he was a familiar and reliable presence, always striving to support those he loved.

On January 27, 1990, Gary married Kristine Ann Parke—the love of his life. Together they were loving parents of their three sons: Clinton (Taylor) McQuiston, John (Shelby) McQuiston, and Andy (Shannon) McQuiston. Though Kristine lost her battle with cancer on July 30, 2000, Gary continued to honor her memory with unwavering strength, devotion, and love.

In 2005, Gary remarried and welcomed two daughters, JaeLee and Haley Soulek, into his heart and home, embracing the “Brady Bunch” life. His fondest memories were time spent on the boat, singing his music, with all of his kids. Though he and Shawn Brennan later parted ways in 2020, Gary remained a proud father figure and cherished the expanded family they created together.

Known for his sharp sense of humor, firm values, and deep devotion to his children and grandchildren, Gary made an impression everywhere he went. After retiring, he took on the role of a school bus driver for the Chamberlain School District, quickly becoming a favorite among students as the “coolest bus driver” around.

Gary was also known for his passion for barbecue. As the founder of *SouthernDakota Q*, his catering business that ran for nearly 20 years, he became famous for his delicious cooking—especially his secret Peach Bean recipe, which became a staple at many local events and family gatherings.

Gary’s life was one of dedication, resilience, laughter, and love. He will be deeply missed by all who knew him, and his memory will live on through the many lives he touched.

He is survived by his sons Clinton, John, and Andy McQuiston; daughters JaeLee and Haley Soulek; and his beloved grandchildren: Adrienne, Kristine, Deagan, Owen, Alo, Parker, Zayden, River, Lennon, and Cedar, who lovingly knew him as “Pappy.” He is also survived by his brother Larry McQuiston and mother-in-law Priscilla Parke.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Kristine Ann McQuiston; his parents, John Clinton McQuiston and Esther McQuiston; his brother, John McQuiston; and his father-in-law, Clifford Parke. There were many waiting to greet him at Heaven’s gates.

In Loving Memory

Gary “Little Mac” McQuiston

May 22, 1955 ~ April 3, 2025

Funeral Service

United Church of Christ, Chamberlain, SD

10:00 a.m., Tuesday, April 8, 2025

Officiating

Pastor Makaela Randall

Music

“Holes In The Floor Of Heaven” ~ Steve Wariner

“How Do I Say Goodbye” ~ Dean Lewis

“Amazing Grace (My Chains Are Gone)” ~ Chris Tomlin

Casketbearers

Mark Swendsen
Wes Kirkpatrick
Alex Hammell

Mike McQuiston
Chris White Bird
Benjamin Hammell

Interment

Scotty Philip Cemetery, Fort Pierre, SD

1:00 p.m., Tuesday, April 8, 2025

Pastor Brandon Lewis

Please join the family for lunch & fellowship following the committal services at the Fort Pierre Congregational Church, 114 West Main Ave, Fort Pierre, SD.

Arrangements by: *Hickey Funeral Chapel, Chamberlain, SD*