



TAPS

Day is done, gone the sun,
From the hills, from the lake,
From the skies. All is well,
safely rest, God is nigh.

Go to sleep, peaceful sleep,
May the soldier or sailor,
God keep. On the land
or the deep, Safe in sleep.

Love, good night, Must thou go,
When the day, And the night
Need thee so? All is well.
Speedeth all, To their rest.

Fades the light; And afar
Goeth day, And the stars
Shineth bright, Fare thee well;
Day has gone, Night is on.

Thanks and praise, For our days,
'Neath the sun, Neath the stars,
'Neath the sky, As we go,
This we know, God is nigh.

In Loving Memory Of

Allen Merrill

*June 13, 1951
Onida, South Dakota*

*January 22, 2017
Pierre, South Dakota*

CELEBRATION OF LIFE SERVICE

*10:30 a.m., Thursday, January 26, 2017
United Methodist Church
Gettysburg, South Dakota*

OFFICIATING

Pastor Jeff Adel

CASKETBEARERS

*Marlan Miller, Steve Sheldon,
Kelly Archer, Shawn Donovan,
Gary Archer, Dan Thomas*

USHER

Larry Madsen

PIANIST

Gail Larson

MUSIC

*"In the Garden"
"How Great Thou Art"
"Blessed Assurance"*

INTERMENT

*Gettysburg Cemetery
Gettysburg, South Dakota
With Military Honors*

Allen Merrill, age 65, of Gettysburg, passed away on Sunday, January 22, 2017 at the Avera Maryhouse in Pierre.

Allen Edward Merrill was born June 13, 1951 in Onida, SD, to Robert and Phyllis (Parks) Merrill. He was baptized in the Methodist Church. Allen attended grade school at East Harrison Country School until the 8th grade, and graduated from Gettysburg High School in 1969. Following graduation, Allen entered the United States Army. He took his basic training at Ft. Lewis, Washington. He served his two years in Viet Nam and was honorably discharged in 1972.

Allen did carpentry work with his uncle, Edward Merrill, in Rapid City. He then moved to Gillette, WY, where he started driving truck. He lived there several years driving truck in the Douglas, WY area. Allen later returned to Gettysburg, and he was working at Northern Plains Coop when he was diagnosed with cancer in January of 2015.

Allen loved to travel and attended many veteran's conventions during his lifetime. He was a longtime member of the American Legion, the Veterans of Foreign Wars, and the Dakota Kruzer's Car Club. He loved his little convertible car and attended many car shows in this area. Allen was very active in the VFW, and he was the Commander at the time of his death.

Allen liked people and often met strangers that were told they could hunt pheasants on his dad's farm. His family met many hunters that way.

Allen is survived by his mother, Phyllis Merrill of Gettysburg; brother, Mark Merrill of Pierre; and many aunts, and cousins.

He is preceded in death by his father, Robert Merrill; two sets of grandparents; and many other family members.



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