



## George Blakey

August 27, 1949 - January 20, 2023

George Blakey, 73, of Tea, SD, passed away January 20, 2023, at Avera Dougherty Hospice, Sioux Falls, SD.

George Henry Blakey was born on August 27, 1949 at Yankton, SD, the son of LeRoy Sr. and Thelma Jane (Trudell) Blakey. He grew up and attended school in Yankton. He later went on to earn a vocational degree in small appliance repair. George worked most of his adult life as an over the road truck driver. He loved his work. He then worked manufacturing commercial windows and doors, for Builder's Supply Co., fully retiring in 2012.

On March 9, 1971 he was united in marriage to Diann Voll, at the Martinus Lutheran Church, rural Utica, SD. The couple made their home in Yankton for one year, Billings, MT for one year and then moved to Sioux Falls until moving to an acreage near Tea in 1982. The couple moved into Tea in 1986, where they have since lived.

George was a member of the Trinity Lutheran Church, Tea. Besides his work, he enjoyed restoring old cars. He was happiest with a wrench in his hands and especially proud of his restoration of a 1976 Ford F100 pickup. George was a devoted family man who deeply loved his family. He and Diann had opened up their home to many children who needed parents. His grandchildren and many of the neighborhood kids called him "Poppy G". Besides his parents, George was preceded in death by an infant daughter, Sara and siblings: Mary, Wynona, Doris and LeRoy.

Grateful for having shared his life are his wife of over 51 years, Diann;

children: Rebecca Blakey, Tea, Joshua Blakey, Indianapolis, Matthew Turner Blakey, Sioux Falls, Matthew James Blakey, Sioux Falls and Toni Blakey, Tennessee; ten grandchildren; two sisters: Angie (Robert) Kirschman Yankton, Phyllis Thorton, Yankton and a host of other relatives and friends.

Services will begin at 11:00 a.m. Tuesday, January 24 at Trinity Lutheran Church, Tea, SD, with family present visitation, one hour prior to the service beginning at 10:00 a.m. Burial will follow in the Tea Trinity Lutheran Cemetery.

# Tribute Wall

PW

“ So sorry to hear of Georges passing. He was my neighbor in Tea and I always enjoyed talking with him. My sympathies to his family. Rest in peace George.

Paula J Whetsel - February 22, 2023 at 12:00 AM

BL

“ Sorry for your lose George was a good person. He will be missed .



Barb langner - January 28, 2023 at 12:00 AM

CP

“ Diann and family. I am so sorry to hear about George! George was an amazing person and I enjoyed living across the street from you both before we moved to Florida. He would always make Darius and I laugh. Loved his tales he told and he was always smiling. We were literally just talking about him. Hard to believe he is gone. He was always inviting and caring. He set up his garage for Halloween and was so proud of his car. Even though I never seen him drive it. (HA!) I will be thinking of you during this hard time. We loved George! Rest easy.

Christine Polk - January 28, 2023 at 12:00 AM

CS

“ I love you Uncle George. Your smile changed our lives. We will continue to pass on the love you gave all of us.



Corletha Stark - January 24, 2023 at 12:00 AM

DR

“ I worked for George when he had his business hauling winnebago rvs to the west coast. He was always good to me. We will miss his.

Deborah Ricke - January 23, 2023 at 12:00 AM

RC

“ Diann, it is really said to hear about George. He was a great person to sit down and have a conversation with. Enjoyed seeing him any time he visited the office.

Richard Cave - January 23, 2023 at 12:00 AM

JB

“ I love you Unc 😍 You will be missed 😭 your loving niece "Jammiegirl"



Jammie Ballard - January 22, 2023 at 12:00 AM

JK

“ We are so sorry for your loss



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**Jesse and Carol Kendall** - January 22, 2023 at 12:00 AM

RW

“ Thoughts and Prayers. R I P George

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**Russell Willman** - January 21, 2023 at 12:00 AM

AT

“ Thinking of you all! And wishing we could be there.



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**Autumn Tjeerdsma** - January 21, 2023 at 12:00 AM

SO

“ Sorry to hear about George  
You have our sympathy.

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**Stan and Shirley Oltmanns** - January 21, 2023 at 12:00 AM

RC

“ I am so sorry for your loss. I have known George since I was a kid. I will not be able to attend his funeral because of the bad weather that's been taking place in that area but my thoughts and prayers are with you all. May God bless everyone. I can be reached at 954-439-5316.

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**Rick Carroll** - January 21, 2023 at 12:00 AM