



## Wendell Harms

December 12, 1941 - February 1, 2025

Wendell Harms, Tea, SD, age 83, passed away February 1, 2025, at the Avera Dougherty Hospice House, Sioux Falls, SD. Wendell John Harms was born on December 12, 1941, on a farm near Lennox, SD, the son of William and Lillian (Swanson) Harms. He grew up here and graduated from Lennox High School in 1959. Wendell was a self employed plumber, who retired in 2002, but never really retired. On October 19, 1974 he was united in marriage to Georgette Gayken, at Spearfish, SD. The couple lived in Sioux Falls, Tea, California for 10 years and then returned to Tea. Georgette passed away on April 9, 1991. Wendell was a member of the Living Hope Community Church. He enjoyed deer, antelope and mountain lion hunting. He took great pride in the restoration of his 1968 Ford high boy pickup. Besides his parents and wife, Wendell was preceded in death by sisters, Marlene Harms and Verlyce Nelson. Grateful for having shared his life are his significant other, of over 30 years, Sharon Zocco, Tea and her children: Jason (Jodi) Hammers, Kim (Jim Hill) Hammers and Tim (Suzie) Hammers and their children: Jayden Hammers, Jaci Hammers, Ben Hammers, Jacob Hammers and Sage Oltmanns; a step-daughter, Chantel Van Loh, and a host of other relatives and friends. Services will begin at 1:30 p.m. Thursday, February 6, 2025 at Living Hope Community Church, Tea, SD, with visitation beginning one hour prior to the service, at 12:30 p.m. Burial will be in the Lennox Cemetery.



# Tribute Wall

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“ I am so heartbroken to hear of the passing of Wendell. I didnt hear the news until a couple days ago. I grew up next door to Wendell who i always called “œmy grumps” . For a very long time he was my best friend as a kid. I loved seeing his truck, talking his ears off, and walking his doggos, Shadow and Barbie. I got to see him this last summer and iâ€™m so thankful for that. He will always be close to my heart.



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**Tori Dannrn** - February 10, 2025 at 12:00 AM

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“ Sharon and family, I am so sorry for your loss. He may have been Grumps, but he had a heart of gold. My thoughts and prayers are with you all.

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**Lesli Hendricks** - February 06, 2025 at 12:00 AM