Remembering Michael

Michael A. Davidson, age 78, of Custer, South Dakota, passed away while fishing in Custer State Park on October 8, 2026.

Michael was born in Rapid City, South Dakota, on November 17, 1947, to the late Frank and Edna Davidson. He spent his childhood growing up in Keystone, South Dakota, and went on to graduate from high school in Rapid City.

Following his graduation, Michael proudly enlisted in the United States Marine Corps. He served his country with honor and distinction, earning several military commendations, including the Purple Heart for his bravery, dedication, and sacrifice.

After his military service, Michael spent many years working in the timber industry as a skilled logger and truck driver, working across both California and his beloved Black Hills.

Outside of work, Michael found great joy in the simple pleasures of life—whether he was fishing, hunting, working on a woodworking project, or simply spending time with family and close friends. Though he was a quiet man, he left no doubt in the minds and hearts of those around him just how deeply he loved and cared for them. His steady presence, warmth, and devotion to his loved ones will be greatly missed.

Michael was preceded in death by his parents, Frank and Edna Davidson; his sister, Cathy Seaver; his brother, Paul Davidson; and several other cherished family members.

He is survived by his son, Chris Davidson; his daughter, Pamela Howe; several grandchildren; one great-grandson; as well as many loving nieces and nephews.

Chamberlain McColley's Funeral Home

In Loving Memory



Michael Allen Davidson

1947—2026

I'm Free

Don't grieve for me, for now I'm free
I'm following the path God has laid you see.
I took his hand when I heard His call
I turned my back and left it all.

I could not stay another day
To laugh, to love, to work, to play.
Tasks left undone must stay that way
I found the peace at the close of day.

If my parting has left a void
Then fill it with remembered joys-
A friendship shared, a laugh, a kiss
Oh, yes, these things I too will miss.

Be not burdened with times of sorrow.
I wish you the sunshine for tomorrow.
My life's been full, I savored much,
Good friends, good times, a loved one's touch.

Perhaps my time seemed all too brief-
Don't lengthen it now with undue grief.
Lift up your hearts, and peace to thee-
God wanted me now, He set me free.

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November 17, 1947—October 8, 2026

Rapid City, South Dakota Custer, South Dakota

MEMORIAL SERVICES
10:00 A.M., Wednesday, October 21, 2026
St. Therese the Little Flower Catholic Church
Rapid City, South Dakota

CELEBRANT
Fr. Todd VanderMay

CON-CELEBRANT
Fr. Michel Mulloy

CONGREGATIONAL HYMNS
Provided by St. Therese the Little Flower

LUNCHEON
Parish Hall

MILITARY FUNERAL HONORS
United States Marines
Custer Veterans Honor Guard

COMMITTAL SERVICES
2:30 P.M., Wednesday, October 21, 2026
Black Hills National Cemetery
Sturgis, South Dakota