

OBITUARY

Gerald Dean Scott, 91, of Custer, SD, passed away August 7, 2025.

Gerald Dean Scott was born August 18, 1933 in Edgemont, SD, to Ralph and Madge (Robison) Scott. He grew up in the Minnekahta Valley on the family's ranch just north of the Fall River/Custer County line. He graduated from Edgemont High School in 1953. That November he was inducted in the United States Army taking his basic training at Ft. Riley, KS. He was transferred to Ft Baker, CA where he served with the 561st Engineer Port Construction Company. He was honorably discharged on February 21, 1956. He began working with the US Forest Service on a temporary ten month basis; then he "laid off" for at least two months before he could be rehired. This process went on for several cycles before a "Permanent" position opened up.

During one of these "lay-off's" he enrolled in Hanson Auto Diesel School in Fargo, ND. After completing his training, he came back home to work for Wing's Auto Service in Edgemont for two years before "trying again" with the Forest Service. It was then that he met his soul mate, Kathleen Brown. They were married on February 21, 1962 and made their home in Custer, SD. where they raised their three children. When his current ten month status was up he went to work for Campbell Chevrolet in Custer from 1962 -1967. He went back to the Forest Service for two more "ten month hitches" before being offered a permanent position which he held until his retirement in 1994. During his 30 years he worked as a heavy equipment operator, involved in building roads, small dams, blasting, brush disposal as well as fire-fighting. After his retirement he and Kathleen started a craft business out of their home making trophies and plaques for a number of organizations and businesses including many county fairs in South Dakota and Wyoming. After Kathleen's death, Gerald became interested in beekeeping. He had several hives and could often be seen peddling his honey around town.

Gerald is survived by his daughter, Cynthia (Steve) Bostrom of New Effington, SD (who he stayed with this past year); daughter-in law, Denice Scott of Newell, SD; five grandchildren; six great-grandchildren; brother-in-law, Dennis (Betty) Brown of Spring Hill, FL; three nieces; two nephews; and several cousins.

He was preceded by his parents; wife, Kathleen; two sons, Allen and Dallas; brother, Donald (Mildred) Scott; brother-in-law Delmer Brown and an infant brother.

In Loving
Memory



Gerald Dean Scott

1933 — 2025



Beekeeper's Song

*At down, you walked the meadow's edge,
Boots wet with dew,
Smoke curling from your steady hands,
Calling the bees to calm.
Their hum was a hymn,
Raising like golden prayers
Into the soft morning air.*

*The forest was your chapel.
Oaks stood patient in mossy robes,
Pines whispered your name.
You knew every trail*

*As if the roots themselves had taught you,
And you followed the river's bend
To where trout hid in cool shadows.
There, your patience was a kind of quiet magic.*

*Honey dripped slow from the comb—
As if the roots themselves had taught you,
And you followed the river's bend
To where trout hid in cool shadows.
There your patience
Was kind of quiet magic.*

*Honey dripped slow from the comb—
Sunlight caught in liquid gold.
It tasted of wildflowers and work,
Of summer's long hours, of love that never hurried.*

*Now the air still hums when I think of you,
And the river still runs
Where your shadow lingers.
Even in the deep green,
I hear your laughter,
And you are still fishing.*

REMEMBERING THE LIFE OF

Gerald Dean Scott

August 18, 1933—August 7, 2025
Edgemont, South Dakota Sisseton, South Dakota

VISITATION

4:00—6:00 p.m., Thursday, August 14, 2025
Chamberlain McColley's Funeral Home
Custer, South Dakota

MEMORIAL SERVICES

10:00 a.m., Friday, August 15, 2025
Chamberlain McColley's Funeral Home
Custer, South Dakota

OFFICIANT

Pastor John McKnight

SPECIAL MUSIC

"The Old Rugged Cross"
"Rock of Ages"
"Amazing Grace"

LUNCHEON

Custer Community Church

PALLBEARERS

Cody Scott, Donald Scott, David Kayton,
Mike Kayton, Rick Hart & Byron Eberle

HONORARY PALLBEARERS

Clinton Whitney, Don Lytle,
Gerald's grandchildren & great grandchildren

COMMittal SERVICES

Custer Cemetery
Custer, South Dakota

MILITARY FUNERAL HONORS

United States Army
Custer Veterans Honor Guard

MEMORIALS

Memorials may be shared with a charity of your choice