



## Bernard "Bernie" Francis Schillo

April 27, 1956 - February 24, 2019

Bernard "Bernie" Francis Schillo, age 62, of Beach, North Dakota passed away on Sunday, February 24, 2019 in Mandan, North Dakota. A Vigil Service will take place on Thursday, February 28, 2019 at Silha Funeral Home in Beach, North Dakota. A Celebration of Life will take place on at 10:30 AM Friday, March 1, 2019 at the First Lutheran Church in Beach with Reverend Roger Dieterle officiating. Silha Funeral Home of Beach has been entrusted with the arrangements.

Bernie was born on April 27, 1956 to Martin and Marcella "Sally" (Fischer) Schillo. He was educated in the Golva Public Schools and graduated with the class of 1974.

Bernie loved making those around him happy and believed in giving back to the community he was so proud to be a part of. He could always be seen at home or away basketball games, manning a video camera to later give to individual players and the team, in his occasional "uniform", a Hawaiian shirt and athletic shorts with knee high socks and his favorite crocs or sandals. He spearheaded collecting donations and materials for the crow's nest at the newly built track field. Having a passion for the game of golf, he applied for grants and spent countless hours at the golf course to try to help make it a place everyone could enjoy. Bernie also believed it was important to spend personal time volunteering in the community and at First Lutheran Church. Music was always an important part of Bernie's life. He had a natural gift. Fond memories with music include: playing with friends and brothers in high

school, at family gatherings and later playing both the guitar and bass with the Carlyle Cowboys and the Beaver Creek Band. The Beaver Creek Band is where he would meet an attractive keyboard player from Alamo, North Dakota who he would later marry on June 20, 1981 in Williston, North Dakota and start a family with. He was also involved with the Praise Band at the First Lutheran Church, Golden Valley Volunteer Fire Department, Beach City Council, American Petroleum Institute (API) and the Beach Golf Course Board.

Bernie valued hard work and dedicated thirty-eight years of his life to the oil and gas industry. In his spare time, he could be found working down at the Schillo Farm or in the fields farming for friends. No matter how busy work became, Bernie was a family man who always made sure to spend as much time as he could with family, both immediate and extended. He was someone who loved his children and grandchildren with all his heart and soul.

Bernie is preceded in death by his parents, Martin and Marcella "Sally" Schillo; his brothers, Joe and Bob Schillo and his sisters, Clara Schillo, Marg Degel and Mary Schillo.

Bernie is survived by his wife, Melissa Schillo of Beach; his children, Peder (Desiree) Schillo of Dickinson, North Dakota, Kjerstin (Ed) Wright of Tamworth, New Hampshire and Kelsey (Taylor) Semrau of Denver, Colorado; his brothers, John (Dee) Schillo of Golva, North Dakota, Jim (Mary Ann) Schillo of Golva, Tom (Vidette) Schillo of Golva, Steve Schillo of Golva, Chuck (Sherry) Schillo of Golva, Ann (John) Mehl of Fergus Falls, Minnesota, Theresa (Barney) Ross of Reno, Nevada and Connie (David) Finneman of Rapid City, South Dakota; his grandchildren, Peyton and Sadie Schillo and baby Wright due August 2019 as well as numerous nieces and nephews.

Remembrances and condolences may be shared with the family at: [www.silhafuneralhomes.com](http://www.silhafuneralhomes.com).

## Cemetery Details

### **Alamo Cemetery**

Alamo, ND

## Previous Events

### **Celebration of Life**

MAR 1. 10:30 AM (MT)

First Lutheran Church  
225 2nd Ave SE  
Beach, ND 58621

# Tribute Wall



“ *Bernard "Bernie" Francis Schillo*

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December 07, 2022 at 04:10 PM



“ *Many wonderful memories of Bernie. Working and playing he gave it his all. I will remember his smile and humor forever. Love and many hugs to the families.*

*Lyn ( Farstveet) Gustin*

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**lyn gustin** - March 03, 2019 at 12:38 PM

DK

“ Much of what I may have intended to write about Bernie is included in the obituary, but I will relate some personal thoughts. I think they too, reflect the sentiments of many of his friends. Bernie was some version of a man for all seasons. He was compassionate, considerate of others and always courteous and respectful . On more than one occasion, he related incidents in which others had taken advantage of him. A lesser man would have voiced anger in response. Not Bernie. His reaction was one of quiet acceptance, marking it up to experience. He had a prodigious knowledge of the science of petroleum and the means to extract it. When questioned about aspects of the technology, he always responded with explicit and complete replies, willing to share his expertise with the questioner.

To my mind, one of the most expressive statements one can make about another is to declare "What you see is what you get." That was Bernie.

His family, his friends and our community have lost one of the best. For my part, I will never forget him

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Dick Kukowski - March 01, 2019 at 04:48 PM

JW

“ I was so glad I went to see Bernie this summer in Mandan. It was one of his good days and we visited like old times. He talked about his family and grand children. He was so proud of you all. His goal at the time was to make it to his daughter's wedding.. He had that big smile and gave us hugs. Prayers for you all.

jeanne Wehrman - March 01, 2019 at 12:14 AM

HL

“ Gentle, kind, thoughtful, loving, musical, and a warm personality that would light up a room. I will miss you, Uncle Bernie. You were loved by so many people. Heidi Larson (daughter of Ann & John Mehl)

Heidi Larson - February 28, 2019 at 07:46 PM



“ Beautiful Dreams was purchased for the family of Bernard "Bernie" Francis Schillo.



February 28, 2019 at 03:23 PM



“ Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Bernard "Bernie" Francis Schillo.



February 28, 2019 at 12:05 PM

CF

“ *Melissa, Peder, Des, Kjerstin, Taylor and Kelsey- There are not words that will take away your pain during this loss, but know that the fond memories you have of "Bernie" will help to heal your broken hearts. In my short time at Beach, he had the ability to make me feel like family...and as the years passed, he would always greet me with a warm hug and a simple "How are ya kiddo?" I have never worked for a more humble human being who loved his family beyond words. He was so proud of each of you for your accomplishments in life and when he reminisced about your high school days, the grand kids or your current achievements...his eyes always lit up. Know that while your family has suffered a loss...you have also gained one of God's finest when it comes to Guardian Angels above. Keeping all of you in my thoughts and prayers. Love and Friendship- Christy Follmer (Coach)*

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**Christy Follmer** - February 28, 2019 at 08:58 AM

MS

“ *Melissa Stockert lit a candle in memory of Bernard "Bernie" Francis Schillo*



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**Melissa Stockert** - February 28, 2019 at 02:19 AM

KN

“ *I have nothing but fond memories of Bernie from when I lived in Golva. My sincerest condolences to his family and friends. Kay Nehring*

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**Kay Nehring** - February 27, 2019 at 11:02 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Bernard "Bernie" Francis Schillo.*



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February 27, 2019 at 07:41 PM



“ *Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Bernard "Bernie" Francis Schillo.*



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February 27, 2019 at 06:04 PM



“ *Bernie was younger than me but he was a Golvanite and everyone was connected. Than also Mary Ann is my sister. Deepest sorrow to you all. You all have been in my prayers .Rehash the good days. That helped me at Mom,s funeral. God Bless. You.  
Diane {Wosepka} Pommerer*

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**Diane Pommerer** - February 27, 2019 at 12:53 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Bernard "Bernie" Francis Schillo.*



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February 27, 2019 at 12:28 PM



“ *Sweet Liberty was purchased for the family of Bernard "Bernie" Francis Schillo.*



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February 27, 2019 at 11:21 AM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Bernard "Bernie" Francis Schillo.*



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February 27, 2019 at 11:06 AM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Bernard "Bernie" Francis Schillo.*



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February 27, 2019 at 10:58 AM



“ *Jon and Tammy Cobb purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Bernard "Bernie" Francis Schillo.*



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**Jon and Tammy Cobb** - February 27, 2019 at 10:44 AM



“ *Fiery Lily and Rose was purchased for the family of Bernard "Bernie" Francis Schillo.*



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February 26, 2019 at 11:22 PM



“ *Big Sky Well Service purchased the Serene Reflections Bouquet for the family of Bernard "Bernie" Francis Schillo.*



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**Big Sky Well Service** - February 26, 2019 at 06:21 PM



“ *Melissa and Family,  
We are so sorry for your loss, and we are praying for you all. May you find peace and comfort in the arms of your family and friends. Our thoughts are and have been with you during this time. Please don't hesitate to call on us for anything you might need.  
Rob and Mabelle Curl*

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**Mabelle Curl** - February 26, 2019 at 03:42 PM