



## Charles "Charley" W. Heckaman

March 7, 1946 - September 23, 2013

Beach, North Dakota: Charley Heckaman, age 67 of Beach, North Dakota, passed away on Thursday, September 19, 2013 at his home surrounded by his family in Beach. A Memorial Service with military honors will be held at 2:00 P. M. on Monday, September 23, 2013 at the United Community Church in Beach with Reverend Arlen Lundberg officiating. Interment will take place at a later date at the North Dakota Veterans Cemetery in Mandan, North Dakota. Silvernale-Silha Funeral Home of Beach is entrusted with arrangements. Charley was born on March 7, 1946 in Beach, a son of Thomas W. and Mabel (Thielman) Heckaman. Charley was raised and educated in Beach where he attended Beach schools and graduated from Beach High School with the class of 1964. Following high school Charley attended Dickinson State College in Dickinson, North Dakota and graduated with the class of 1968. Charley entered the United States Army on March 13, 1969 in Fargo, North Dakota. He was honorably discharged as a Staff Sergeant on October 16, 1971 at Fort Lewis, Washington. While in the Army, Charley served five tours of duty in Vietnam. While on leave in Thailand, Charley met his future wife, Boontuang "Nikki" Ruangant and they were married on January 4, 1972 in Beach. After returning home from the Army, Charley and Nikki lived in Beach where he started farming with his father. In addition to farming, Charley and Nikki owned and operated several business including the Dairy Queen, Hot Stop and Crazy Charley's in the Beach and Medora, North Dakota area. He was a member of the Beach Evangelical Church, Masonic Lodge, and the

Veterans of Foreign Wars. Charley enjoyed music and taught himself to play the violin and keyboard at the age of fifty-five. He was an avid golfer and you could find him at the golf course in any weather condition. Charley especially loved his children and family and will be missed by all. Charley was preceded in death by his parents. Charley is survived by his wife, Nikki of Beach; one son, Chom Heckaman of Aurora, Colorado; one daughter, Kayla Heckaman of Beach; two brothers, Duane and his wife, Joan Heckaman of New Rockford, North Dakota and Tom and his wife, Jo Heckaman of Beach; one sister, Aleta Heckaman and her husband, Jim of Beach; two special cousins, Jim VanHorn and Janice Abraham of Marmarth, North Dakota; two loyal friends, Tim Sparks, of Red Lands, California and Joe Keim of Minneapolis, Minnesota; who were true to the end and numerous nieces and nephews.

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

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