



## Howard Carrol Ridenhower

November 3, 1942 - September 16, 2015

Howard Carrol Ridenhower, age 72, of Beach, North Dakota, passed away on September 16, 2015 at his home in Beach. Visitation will be held from 3:00pm until 5:00pm and 6:00pm until 8:00pm on Sunday, September 20, 2015 at Silha Funeral Home in Beach. A funeral service will be held at 2:00 P.M. on Monday, September 21, 2015 at the new Beach Evangelical Church on the hill with Pastor Ben Baker officiating. Interment will follow services at the Beach City Cemetery. Silha Funeral Home of Beach has been entrusted with the arrangements.

Howard was born on November 3, 1942 in Beach to Robert and Gladys (Klein) Ridenhower. Howard grew up with his family west of Trotters and at age five he became ill with polio, following a broken hip. Thanks to his mother's diligent home therapy, he overcame doctors' forecasts and was able to walk and exceed in all of his endeavors.

Howard attended Arvid School for the first and second grades, then went on to school in Sentinel Butte, North Dakota and graduated with the class of 1960. Following high school Howard continued his education at Dickinson State College for one year. Howard worked area ranches through high school and spent some time as a railroad worker until a serious foot injury forced him to resign.

On June 26, 1965, Howard married Linda. They farmed at Verndale, Minnesota for fifteen years. He was the Premier Dairy Man and had a three year record production. It was during this time that Howard started up a local

farm co-op, "The Double Circle," in Verndale. Howard broke horses and later bred and showed registered American Quarter Horse Association horses. Upon returning to Beach in 1979, Howard started a thirty year career at West Plains Implement selling Case-IH, New Holland, or anything else that was asked of him to find. His career led him to West Plains stores in Circle, Montana and Bowman, North Dakota.

Howard was an avid snowmobiler. He loved taking his family and friends on several trips annually, with Cook City, Montana and the Black Hills being his favorite spots. After his retirement in 2009, Howard spent time mowing for family, friends, and the Beach Cemetery; working as the church trustee and keeping track of his children, and especially his eight grandchildren. Checking Facebook and making a few phone calls to check on everyone was a nightly ritual.

Howard was an AQHA member, horse breeder and manager of the AQHA shows. He was the Prairie Pals 4H leader for ten years and lifetime member of the Beach Evangelical Church. Howard served several terms as trustee of the Beach Evangelical Church. Howard's career as a church builder began in high school when he helped haul logs for the dorms and tabernacle at Camp on the Boulder in Big Timber, Montana. While they lived in Verndale, he was also a catalyst for the new addition to the church in Wadena, Minnesota. As a trustee for the Beach Evangelical Church, he aided in the purchase of the land where the current church is being built. His vision was behind the project to turn "Bourbon to Bibles" at the present Beach Evangelical Church. The last three years of his life he developed and worked each phase of construction on the future home of Beach Evangelical Church – Grace Church.

Howard was preceded in death by his father, Robert Ridenhower; and his brother, Robert James Ridenhower.

Howard is survived by his mother, Gladys Ridenhower Berger of Beach; his wife, Linda Ridenhower of Beach; his daughter, Gwen (Kevin) Dahlen of Beach, and their children, Joshua and Jaleesa (Andrew) Stengel; his son, Paul (Jodi) Ridenhower of Beach and his children, Mikayla, Casey and Sage;

his son, Mark (fiancé Katie) Ridenhower of Baker, Montana and his children, Anna, Sheldon (fiancé Mariah) and Brooklyn; his youngest son, John (Michele) Ridenhower of Billings, Montana; his sisters, Jean (George) Stull of Yankton, South Dakota, Judy Ridenhower of Beach, Marilyn (Joe) Snyder of Bismarck, North Dakota; his brother, Gary (Lois) Ridenhower of Stillwater, Minnesota; and numerous nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends across the world.

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

# Cemetery Details

## Beach City Cemetery

Beach, ND 58621

# Previous Events

## Visitation

SEP 20. 3:00 PM - 5:00 PM (MT)

Silha Funeral Homes - Beach, North Dakota  
125 4th Avenue Southwest  
P.O. Box 488  
Beach, ND 58621  
(701) 872-3232  
silha@midstate.net

## Visitation

SEP 20. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (MT)

Silha Funeral Homes - Beach, North Dakota  
125 4th Avenue Southwest  
P.O. Box 488  
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## Service

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SEP **21**. 2:00 PM (MT)

Beach Evangelical Church  
New location on hill  
Beach, ND 58621

# Tribute Wall



“ *Howard Carrol Ridenhower*

December 07, 2022 at 04:10 PM



“ *I knew Howard from selling him a few cars, and always there to help out my Uncle Dooney at the farm. He was always warm and genuine and fun to visit with. He will be missed by our family, and our prayers go out to his! Tony Zimney Bismarck ND*

**Tony Zimney** - September 22, 2015 at 04:59 PM



“ *I knew Howard from high school. He was such a friendly person and willing helper. He will be missed by so many.*  
*Bill Lardy*

**Bill Lardy** - September 21, 2015 at 03:02 PM



“ *Linda & family, so sorry for your loss. You are in our thoughts & prayers. John & Angie Ross*

**John and Angie Ross** - September 21, 2015 at 09:33 AM



“ *So sorry to hear of your loss! I appreciated his love for his wife, children and grandchildren. He was very proud of all of them. It was fun watching him spend time with Sage. Wishing you God's comfort.*

**Bernie Satrom** - September 20, 2015 at 01:16 PM

CO

“ *Carol Tescher Obrigewitch lit a candle in memory of Howard Carrol Ridenhower*



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**Carol Tescher Obrigewitch** - September 20, 2015 at 12:37 PM

CO

“ *Judy and Marilyn my sympathy at the loss of your brother. God Bless.*  
*Carol Tescher Obrigewitch*

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**Carol Tescher Obrigewitch** - September 20, 2015 at 12:36 PM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Howard Carrol Ridenhower.*



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September 19, 2015 at 04:20 PM

FM

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**Francis Madler** - September 19, 2015 at 03:17 PM

CU

“ Sorry for your loss. Howard was a wonderful person.  
May God be with you at this most difficult time.

Charles & Shirley Uetz - September 19, 2015 at 12:06 PM

LC

“ So sad to read of Howard's passing. He was one year older than me but we were in some of the same classes in high school. I considered him a good friend and respected his determination and self control. I hardly recognized him after I started college when he stopped me, having lost 100 pounds in 3 months, working manual labor every day. He has had an admirable life!

Lynn Carlson - September 19, 2015 at 11:10 AM

JF

“ So sorry for your loss. I am keeping your whole family in my thoughts and prayers.

Janet L Fischer - September 18, 2015 at 04:02 PM



“ Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Howard Carrol Ridenhower.



September 18, 2015 at 03:48 PM

BE

“ *Border States Electric lit a candle in memory of Howard Carrol Ridenhower*



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**Border States Electric** - September 18, 2015 at 02:07 PM

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MB

“ *Mark & family, I'm so sorry about the loss of your Dad. My thoughts & prayers are with you and your family. Mel Bertsch*



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**Melodie Bertsch** - September 18, 2015 at 08:48 AM

LO

“ *Lori lit a candle in memory of Howard Carrol Ridenhower*



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**Lori** - September 17, 2015 at 08:57 PM