



Irvin Michael Bares

December 18, 1940 - May 26, 2025

Irvin Michael Bares, Age 84, of Beach ND passed away at 7:15 am on Monday, May 26, 2025, at Sanford Medical Center in Bismarck, ND. He was surrounded by his children at the time of his death.

Irvin was born to Frank and Marcella(Sally) Bares on December 18, 1940. He was the fifth child of 12. Irvin grew up on a family farm, 5 miles east of Beach. He attended primary school in Beach, ND and graduated high school in 1959. He received a Bachelor of Science degree in teaching from North Dakota State University in 1963. Following graduation, Irvin put his degree to use as a Vocational Agriculture instructor in Elgin, ND.

Irvin married his childhood sweetheart, Virginia Wehrman, on August 20, 1966. In 1967, Irvin and Virginia returned to Beach to take over the family farm. It was there that they lived out their lives. Despite the ever-changing nature of agriculture, Irvin had a profound love for the profession. Like so many of his friends and neighbors, he strived to be a steward of the land. It is of no surprise that he remained on the farm until his death.

Throughout his life, Irvin was an active public servant. In addition to his family and farming responsibilities, he shared his time in various civic roles for the betterment of the community and his profession. He was involved in the Jaycees, GVC Soil Conservation District, GVC Fair Board, ND Barley Council, Township Committee Board, and the Montana/ND Wool Growers. He also served as an elected county commissioner for 15 years.

Irvin was a devout Christian in the Roman Catholic Church. He was a member

of St. John the Baptist Church in Beach, ND for many years. He was active in the church and served as a Eucharistic minister. He was also an active member of the Knights of Columbus. Irvin's faith was an important part of his life and molded many of his family's traditions and cherished memories.

Irvin was preceded in death by his wife Virginia; parents Frank and Marcella; siblings Helen Fischer, Bob Bares, Jean Schulte, and Genevieve Bares; and brothers-in-law Dan Skorheim and Erv Emter.

Irvin is survived by his orange cat Pike; children Dan (Denise) of Bismarck, ND [Zachary, Jacob, Noah], Mark (Stephanie) of West Fargo, ND [Nicholas, Brayden, Makenna], Monique (Dennis) Heizelman of Rapid City, SD [Dyson (Abigale), Destinee, Drake, Dixon], James of Grand Rapids, MI [Hunter, Chloe, Riley, Dalanie], Bonita (Eric) Gorghuber of Garfield, MN [Mason], Robert (Michele Anthony) of Johnston, IA [Gavin, Landon], Elizabeth (William III) Greenwood of Cascade, MT, and David (Vanessa) of Sentinel Butte, ND [Gabe, Elijah, Isaiah]; Great Grandson Desmond Heizelman of Broken Bow, NE; siblings Leroy (Marina), Tom (Donna), Marge Emter, Janet Ripplinger (Ervin), Kathleen Goroski (Gerald), Teresa Klippen (Wes); brothers-in-law Clarence Fischer, Delbert (Sherry) Schulte; and sister-in-law Marlene Bares. In lieu of sending flowers, donations to the following organizations could be considered:

The American Diabetes Association

Home on the Range

St John the Baptist Catholic Church

Remembrances and condolences may be shared with the family at www.SilhaFuneralHomes.com.

Cemetery Details

St. Michael's Catholic Cemetery

Old Hwy 10
Sentinel Butte, ND 58654

Previous Events

Visitation

JUN 3. 6:00 PM - 7:00 PM (MT)

St. John the Baptist Catholic Church
162 2nd Avenue Northeast
Beach, ND 58621

Rosary/Vigil Service

JUN 3. 7:00 PM (MT)

St. John the Baptist Catholic Church
162 2nd Avenue Northeast
Beach, ND 58621

Mass of Christian Burial

JUN 4. 10:00 AM (MT)

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Tribute Wall

JS

“ *Irvin, whom I will always know as Mr. Bares, was my Vo-ag teacher my Freshman through Junior year in Elgin HS. He was one of my favorite instructors showing a great passion for agriculture, FFA, and made learning fun. I will always remember his smile and sense of humor.*

I extend my condolences to all of his family and share in your sorrow but also rejoice in our promise of everlasting life with our Lord and Savior.

Jim Schmidtgall - June 03, 2025 at 11:37 PM

LK

“ *Lydia Korson purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Irvin Michael Bares.*



Lydia Korson - June 03, 2025 at 07:58 PM

SL

“ *To the Bares family, prayerful sympathy! I didn't know Irv, but I knew Virginia. Now they are together once again! May God welcome Irv and May he and Virginia rejoice forever in God's loving presence!*
Sincerely, Sister Susan Lardy

Sr. Susan Lardy - June 03, 2025 at 07:51 PM

TW

“ *The Rob Wehrman family and Willy Wehrman purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Irvin Michael Bares.*



The Rob Wehrman family and Willy Wehrman - June 03, 2025 at 06:52 PM

TW

“ *The Rob Wehrman family and Willy Wehrman planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Irvin Michael Bares.*

The Rob Wehrman family and Willy Wehrman - June 03, 2025 at 06:52 PM

AM

“ *We want to send our sincere sympathy to the family. May Irvin rest in peace. Love and Prayers, John and Ann(Schillo) Mehl*



Ann Mehl - June 03, 2025 at 12:58 PM

TF

“ *The Hughes Family purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Irvin Michael Bares.*



The Hughes Family - June 02, 2025 at 10:28 PM

TF

“ The Trumbauer Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Irvin Michael Bares.

The Trumbauer Family - June 02, 2025 at 08:33 PM

TF

“ The Trumbauer Family purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Irvin Michael Bares.



The Trumbauer Family - June 02, 2025 at 08:33 PM

MH

“ Melissa & Mariada + the Haneys planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Irvin Michael Bares.

Melissa & Mariada + the Haneys - June 02, 2025 at 05:29 PM

MH

“ Melissa & Mariada + the Haneys purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Irvin Michael Bares.



Melissa & Mariada + the Haneys - June 02, 2025 at 05:29 PM

BT

“ *Bobcat Quality Team purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Irvin Michael Bares.*



Bobcat Quality Team - June 02, 2025 at 01:36 PM

JR

“ *Thoughts & prayers to all family members.*

John & Angie Ross - June 02, 2025 at 08:45 AM

ML

“ *My condolences goes out to all of the Bars Family May He Rest In Peace*

Maurice Lardy - June 01, 2025 at 03:34 PM

JU

“ *Julie lit a candle in memory of Irvin Michael Bares*



Julie - May 30, 2025 at 11:24 PM

DM

“ Irv and I were on an airplane. They served us lunch. It was pita bread with alfalfa sprouts sticking out. Irv said, “this looks like something I’d feed to my sheep.” He took a bite...with alfalfa sprouts dangling off his chin, he said, “I wouldn’t feed this to my sheep!”

He had the greatest smile!

Dick Melvin - May 30, 2025 at 07:58 PM

NM

Thank you for this story, Dick. What a hoot he was and what a smile he had!

Nancy Marita - June 10, 2025 at 07:52 PM

JM

“ Janelle M. purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of Irvin Michael Bares.



Janelle M. - May 30, 2025 at 05:22 PM

MN

“ Missy Nelson lit a candle in memory of Irvin Bares



Missy Nelson - May 29, 2025 at 04:17 PM

TA

“ Teala A. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Irvin Michael Bares.

Teala A. - May 29, 2025 at 01:43 PM

NA

“ Nicki A. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Irvin Michael Bares.

Nicki A. - May 29, 2025 at 01:39 PM

CH

“ I met Irv when his youngest son, Dave, and my daughter, Vanessa, got married. He was very nice and appeared to be a quiet man. Very sweet. He will be missed by many. My condolences to your families and May you Rest in Peace Mr Bares. 🙏🙏🙏

Cheryl Harmon - May 29, 2025 at 10:41 AM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Irvin Michael Bares.



May 28, 2025 at 04:28 PM



“ *Beautiful Dreams* was purchased for the family of *Irvin Michael Bares*.



May 28, 2025 at 04:01 PM



“ *Tiffany Conaway* lit a candle in memory of *Irvin Bares*



Tiffany Conaway - May 28, 2025 at 11:26 AM

MN

“ Dear Bares family,
My heart goes out to each and everyone of you on the passing of your dad, brother, uncle, friend, neighbor, and members of the community!



Irv was a very kind, humble, respectful, faithful, compassionate, loving family husband/ father, hardworking and decent man that I came to know over the years. He enjoyed coming to Buzzy's Cafe for early breakfast/ ☕ during the week n sitting in ,on watching the guys/ladies striving to beat each other in the dice games!! He'd also, come down to the cafe after church 🏛️ on Sunday, and if I'd come down by myself , I'd sometimes join him and then we'd argue, who'd get the bill for breakfast 😊 I so enjoyed our conversations and learning the history of the area; family legacy; current/ world events! He was a very intelligent man! He'll be missed!

Last Wed.,my daughter texted me that he had the stroke, and I was down at the cafe having ☕ and we all a signed a card for Irv, and Roy C. had a senior bus run to Bismarck, so he dropped it off at the hospital that same day.

Irv/Virginia were such great people and so are their children ! GODS BLESSINGS n LOVE to all of you!!! 🙏🏻🕊️🎵💕💕🙏🏻🙏🏻

Marilynn Nistler - May 27, 2025 at 09:27 PM

MB

Thank you so much for the kind words and for the wonderful card signed by the the coffee crew! We read each comment to him and proudly shared with visitors at the hospital.

Mark Bares - May 30, 2025 at 10:29 AM

DE

“ *Dawn Egan lit a candle in memory of Irvin
Michael Bares*



Dawn Egan - May 27, 2025 at 08:26 PM