



## Keith Richard Dykins

May 31, 1927 - December 4, 2018

Keith Richard Dykins, age 91, of Beach, North Dakota, died Tuesday, December 4, 2018 at CHI St. Alexius Hospital in Dickinson, North Dakota. A Memorial Mass will be celebrated at 10:30 AM on Tuesday, December 11, 2018 at St. John the Baptist Catholic Church in Beach with Rev. Fr. Dan Berg officiating. A Vigil Service will be held at 7:00 PM on Monday, December 10, 2018 at the church. Silha Funeral Home of Beach is entrusted with arrangements.

Keith was born on May 31, 1927, at the Dykins' Farm, near Sentinel Butte, North Dakota a son of Frank and Mabel (Sells), Keith grew up there. From the age of eleven, after the death of his paternal grandfather, Keith joined his grandmother in Ramona, South Dakota to help manage the farm. He lived there, attending school and farming, for three years. In 1941, he returned to Sentinel Butte, farming and raising cattle with his parents.

Keith met Marjorie Ann Niece through his sister, Lorraine. When Margie graduated from nursing school in Montana, they married at St. John the Baptist Catholic Church on February 17, 1953. After making the decision to farm, they traveled around to find the best farmland, and seeing Kansas had not cleaned up from the Dust Bowl yet, they came back home and farmed and raised a family together in the Sentinel Butte/Beach area. They were married fifty- three years, until Margie's death in July of 2006. To this union three children were born: Jim, Joan and Jack.

Keith enjoyed raising and showing Shorthorn cattle. He traveled the United

States and Canada judging and showing bulls. Prairie Sportsman and Glamour Boy were his two best. Believing he would not have been as successful in farming and honored to have been trusted with their land, Glenn Cook and Mary Hess sold Keith the first land he owned.

Keith was a member of the Beach Masonic Lodge and St. John's Catholic Church.

Keith enjoyed his life as a farmer and was proud his sons and grandsons continue to farm the land that has been in his family for over 100 years. His children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren brought him great joy.

Keith was preceded in death by brothers and sister-in-law, Frank and Gean and Justin; sister, Lorraine and brother-in-law, Bob; sister-in-law, Elaire; brother-in-law, Joe Niece and wife Madge and sister-in-law, Mary Helen Niece Marman and husband Don; nieces, Debi and Terri and great-grandson Rhett Dykins.

Keith is survived by son, Jim Dykins and wife Vicki of Beach, daughter, Joan Stringer and husband Jack of Loveland, Colorado and son, Jack Dykins and wife Leigh of Beach. He is also survived by grandchildren, Staci (Russ), Jay (Lindsay) and Kayla (Robert); Mary (Alex), John (Melissa) and David; Lane, Lance (Heather) and Kelcee; great-grandchildren, Keaton, Ahnika, Aubrie, Cruz, Crosby, Mia, Alyiah, Cohen, Andrew, Maggie, Landon, Austin and Lincoln. He is also survived by a brother, Charlie, a sister, Joyce and his sister-in-law, Betty Dykins.

Memorials may be donated to your charity of choice or Keith's favorite charity, Shriners Hospital for Children. Remembrances and condolences may be shared with the family at: [www.silhafuneralhomes.com](http://www.silhafuneralhomes.com).

# Previous Events

## Vigil Service

DEC 10. 7:00 PM (MT)

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

## Memorial Mass

DEC 11. 10:30 AM (MT)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Keith Richard Dykins*

December 07, 2022 at 04:10 PM



“ *My brother and I have such wonderful memories of the many family reunions spent in North Dakota with Uncle Keith and the rest of the family. He will be missed.  
Lynn Dykins-Theis.*

**Lynn** - December 17, 2018 at 08:37 AM



“ *So sorry for your loss. Keith and Marge lived next door to Grandma Susie for many years and were caring neighbors. My prayers and thoughts to your family.*

**Marilyn Moe** - December 10, 2018 at 09:19 AM



“ *The Zook girls, Laurie and Wendi purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Keith Richard Dykins.*



**The Zook girls, Laurie and Wendi** - December 09, 2018 at 11:15 AM

JH

“ Prayers for all of the family at this time. Cherish all of your memories with Keith. May you be given the strength that you all need. Bless all of you. Tom and Jo Heckaman

Jo Heckaman - December 07, 2018 at 04:06 PM

CL

“ I am so sorry for your loss. God Bless you & your family.

Candice Lee - December 07, 2018 at 03:45 PM

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“ Candice Lee lit a candle in memory of Keith Richard Dykins



Candice Lee - December 07, 2018 at 03:44 PM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Keith Richard Dykins.



December 07, 2018 at 03:22 PM

SS

“ Sorry for your loss. I worked for Keith one summer. A very honest and honorable man.

Spencer Slocomb - December 07, 2018 at 01:41 PM