



## Richard Joseph Dietz

July 20, 1930 - March 8, 2024

Richard Joseph Dietz, age 93, of Beach, ND, passed away on Friday March 8, 2024, at the Sanford Medical Center in Bismarck, ND. Visitation will be held from 6:00 PM until 7:00 PM with a Vigil Service at 7:00 PM on Tuesday, March 12, 2024 at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Golva, North Dakota. Mass of Christian Burial will be held at 10:00 AM on Wednesday, March 13, 2024 at St. Mary's Catholic Church with Father Nicholas Vetter officiating. Rite of Committal will take place at St. Mary's Catholic Cemetery. Silha Funeral Home of Beach has been entrusted with the arrangements.

Richard was born July 20, 1930, in Dickinson, ND, the first of thirteen children and son of Joseph Paul and Grace Marie (Wassmann) Dietz. He attended elementary school at Strahorn Country School. While attending Beach High School, Richard starred as a football captain, graduating in 1948. He was offered a football scholarship to attend NDSU but elected to stay home and help with farm work.

On June 27, 1950, Richard married Henrietta May Becker of Glendive, MT. They moved to Dawson, ND in 1954, where they rented a farm and Richard worked in the Mandan Creamery and played baseball. In 1955, they moved to Glendive where he drove a truck hauling grain and fuel. He also worked in the oilfield installing pipelines. In the fall of 1968, they purchased the family homestead south of Sentinel Butte, ND. At one time, he managed a herd of around 350 range cattle, 85 milk cows, 6 to 800 hogs and roughly 7000 acres of deeded and leased land. Richard also did custom haying, harvesting and

cattle hauling. Between 1951 and 1967, six children were born: Patricia, Thomas, Donald, Betty Jo, Jerome and Randall.

In 2000, they sold the farm and there wasn't a safe fish within four states and Canada. Richard had a love for growing things & the miracles of ranching. But nothing compared to the love he had for his wife, dancing, fishing, hunting and time with his friends. He was a proud, hardworking, honest & faithful man that expected nothing less from his children.

Richard is preceded in death by his parents, Joseph and Grace (Wassmann); his wife, Henrietta; ten of thirteen siblings; his son, Donald, and daughter-in-law, Cheri.

Richard is survived by two brothers, Edward of Beach and Charles of Parkston, SD; five children, Patricia of Beach, Thomas of Caldwell, ID, Betty Jo (Duane) Kokinda of Port Clinton, OH, Jerry (Patsy) of Parker, CO, Randall (Debbie) of Beach, nine grandchildren, Brian, Shane, Ron, Zachery Kokinda, Kelsey, Brandon, Miranda, Ashlynn, and McKenzie and six great-grandchildren, Amelia, Nolan, Parker, Boden, Gemini, and Knox.

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

# Cemetery Details

## St. Mary's Cemetery

Golva, ND

# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAR 12. 6:00 PM - 7:00 PM (MT)

St Mary's Catholic Church  
405 Gass St  
Beach, ND 58621  
(701) 872-3686

## Vigil Service

MAR 12. 7:00 PM (MT)

St Mary's Catholic Church  
405 Gass St  
Golva, ND 58632

## Mass of Christian Burial

MAR 13. 10:00 AM (MT)

St. Mary's Catholic Cemetery  
Golva, ND

# Tribute Wall



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Richard Joseph Dietz.*



March 11, 2024 at 03:49 PM



“ *My condolences goes out to all of Richard's family may he Rest In Peace*

**Maurice Lardy** - March 10, 2024 at 03:09 PM



“ *Dawn Mark Egan lit a candle in memory of Richard Dietz*



**Dawn and Mark Egan** - March 10, 2024 at 03:04 PM



“ *Please accept our sincere condolences for your loss, our thoughts & prayers are with you.*

*Mike & Regina Frenzel Kelliher, MN*



**Regina Frenzel** - March 09, 2024 at 02:12 PM

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“ *Dawn Mark Egan lit a candle in memory of Richard Dietz*



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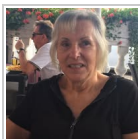
**Dawn and Mark Egan** - March 09, 2024 at 12:44 PM

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“ *We are saddened to learn of Richard's passing. Saying goodbye is not easy but a lifetime of memories will help ease the pain of your loss.*  
*You have our deepest sympathies.*  
*Dixie and Bill Lardy*

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**Bill Lardy** - March 09, 2024 at 10:30 AM



“ *Christa Gigl Dietz lit a candle in memory of Richard Dietz*



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**Christa Gigl Dietz** - March 08, 2024 at 09:07 PM