

I am home in Heaven dear ones;
 Oh, so *happy and bright!*
 There is perfect joy and beauty
 In this everlasting light.
 All pain and grief is over,
 Every restless tossing passed;
 I am now at
peace forever.
 Safely home in Heaven at last.
 There is work still waiting for you,
 So you must not idly stand,
 Do it now, while life remaineth -
 You shall rest in Jesus' land.
 When that work is all completed,
 He will gently call you Home;
 Oh, the rapture of that meeting,
Oh the joy to see you come!



Richard Dale Christensen

Born to Ralph & Arlene Boe Christensen

November 6, 1934
 Watford City, North Dakota

Returned to His Heavenly Father

December 25, 2022
 Watford City, North Dakota

Funeral Service

Friday, December 30, 2022 at 11:00 AM
 First Lutheran Church
 Watford City, North Dakota

Officiating

Pastor Paul Balaban
 Pastor Rob Favorite

Music

"How Great Thou Art"
 "It Is Well With My Soul" "The Lords Prayer"
 "In The Garden" "Autumn Leaves"

Vocalist

Duane Sanford

Musician

Caroline Schwartz

Pallbearers

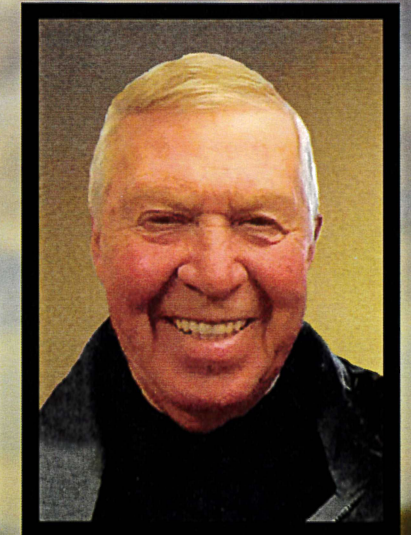
Fred Fridley Glenn Quale
 Kenny Sanford Allen Hammeren
 Paul Bauer Maury Peterson

Final Resting Place

Schafer Cemetery
 Watford City, North Dakota

Arrangements By

Fulkerson Stevenson Funeral Home
 Watford City, North Dakota



In Loving Memory



1934

2022

Richard Dale Christensen



Rich was born on November 6, 1934, in Watford City, ND to Ralph & Arlene Boe Christensen. He was a happy, delightful child. He graduated from Watford City High School in 1952. He went on to Dakota Business College in Fargo, ND for three years and then on to Minot State where he played football and worked at Thompson - Larson Funeral Home. He decided to follow his grandfather and Dad in the funeral business. He enrolled at the Institute of Mortuary Science in Milwaukee, WI. He came back to Watford City and the family business. He later went to work in the oil fields.

He met his wife-to-be in Sidney, MT, Patricia (Patti) France. They married on May 31, 1959. They celebrated 63 years of marriage, May 31, 2022. Rich and Patti had two children, Pembra Richelle in 1962 and Richard Mark in 1967.

Rich was then employed by Texaco, Inc. and was there until retirement in January of 1993. Texaco moved them to Powell, WY, Casper, WY, Denver, CO and then to Midland, TX.

Rich was a people person and belonged to many organizations – Masons, Lions Club, where he was Dist. Governor and was awarded the Melvin Jones award. As Dist. Governor, he was awarded a trip for him & Patti to Osaka, Japan. He was a President for Jaycees and taught Sunday School at First Lutheran for many years.

Golf was his passion. He also took classes to become a professional golf club maker. It certainly became more than a hobby. He loved to bowl, watch football and in younger years, played baseball. He coached Legion Baseball and the youth groups. He even gave golf lessons to a group of ladies. Not wanting to be idle, he went to work for Empire Oil in Williston, ND for nine years.

Rich celebrated his 88th birthday on November 5, 2022. A few days later he suffered a stroke and was in the hospital for a month and a half. He passed away on Christmas Day, 2022.

He is survived by his wife, Patti; 2 children, Pembra and Mark; his brother, James Peter; his brother-in-law, Darwin France of Sidney, MT and many nieces and nephews and many good friends and golfing buddies. Preceding him in death are his mother and father; sisters, Sonja Gossin and his young sister, Karen, who passed away at age six.

North Dakota State
Board of Funeral Service

This is to certify that

Richard D. Christensen

Has met the requirements of North Dakota Administrative Code Chapter 25-02-02 for:

Licensed Embalmer – Funeral Practitioner

Expiration Date: 12/31/2022
License No.: 836

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NEED CLUBS REGRIPPED?

good selection of grips
20 years experience
as clubmaker

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