



## Richard "Dick" Virnig

October 10, 1935 - December 8, 2016

Richard "Dick" Virnig 81-year-old resident of Pierz, MN passed away peacefully Thursday, December 8, 2016 at his home on the family farm surrounded by his family and grandchildren in Pierz, MN. A Mass of Christian Burial will be at 10:30 AM on Monday, December 12, 2016 at St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Pierz, MN, with Father Kenneth Popp officiating and Father Lurn Virnig con-celebrating. Burial will be at 2 PM on Monday at the Minnesota State Veterans Cemetery north of Little Falls, MN. Visitation will be from 4 to 8 PM on Sunday, December 11th at the Shelley-Virnig Funeral Chapel in Pierz, MN, and from 9 AM until the start of the Mass at 10:30 AM on Monday at the church. A Parish Prayer Service will be held at 7 PM on Sunday at the funeral chapel. Military Honors will be provided by the Pierz American Legion Post # 341.

Richard "Dick" Virnig was born in Buh Township, Morrison County, on October 10, 1935 to the late Carl & Marie (Gelhar) Virnig. He attended country school in Belle Prairie and Pierz Memorial High School. After graduation he stayed on the family farm until he served in the Army, based in Germany. After service, he was united in marriage to Mary Ann Knopik on September 20, 1960 at Holy Family Church in Belle Prairie. Dick farmed with his father for many years where he raised his family. In 1982 Cookie joined him and Lilac Hill Dairy was formed. Dick remained in the operation until the time of his death.

Dick's love for Registered Holsteins was reflected as he served as a member of the Freedom Creamery Board and member and secretary of the Morrison County DHIA and life long member of the Minnesota Holstein Association, owning and breeding Registered Holsteins, some of which were purchased by fellow farmers. Dick enjoyed nothing better than a good laugh, from square dancing and traveling in his early days to picking an argument with his grandchildren. You could always find him sitting on his bench at the kitchen table, day or night, attempting to solve the worlds problems. Dick enjoyed crossword puzzles, constructing rosary's, chopping vegetables and playing cards. He especially enjoyed his grandchildren and driving around with his beloved dog Englebert "Bert" standing at attention on the console.

Dick is survived by his wife Mary Ann of 56 years; children, Cookie (Mark) Stuckmayer, Jean Virnig, Bev Virnig (significant other Rob Olstad) of Valley City, ND, Sherrie (Kevin) Willis of Albertville, MN, Charlie Virnig of Fullerton, ND, Irene (Franklin) Peterson of Fingal, ND, "adopted daughter" Celia (Chris) Westmoreland of Hillman, MN; 8 grandchildren, Allie, Lexie, Nathan, Francis, Sadie Sue, Theresa, Gilman and Henry; 2 "adopted grandchildren", Eddie and Julian; sister, Dolores Tschida of Pierz, MN; sister-in-law Estella Virnig of Pierz, MN. Dick was preceded in death by his parents, infant daughter, Monica; brother, Joe; son-in-law, Mark and brother-in-law Leonard Tschida.

In lieu of flowers, please send donations to the Holy Trinity School or St. Joseph's Church in Pierz, MN.

# Cemetery Details

## Minnesota State Veterans Cemetery

15550 Highway 115  
Little Falls, MN

# Previous Events

## Visitation

DEC 11. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

LeMieur Funeral Home of Pierz  
202 Main St. South  
Pierz, MN

## Prayer Service

DEC 11. 7:00 PM (CT)

LeMieur Funeral Home of Pierz  
202 Main St. South  
Pierz, MN

## Visitation

DEC 12. 9:00 AM - 10:30 AM (CT)

St. Joseph's Catholic Church  
68 North Main Street  
Pierz, MN

## Service

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DEC 12. 10:30 AM (CT)

St. Joseph's Catholic Church  
68 North Main Street  
Pierz, MN

# Tribute Wall



“ *Lemieur Funeral Homes created a Tribute Video in memory of Richard "Dick" Virnig*



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**Lemieur Funeral Homes** - December 10, 2016 at 10:54 AM



“ *Richard "Dick" Virnig*

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January 21, 2023 at 11:59 AM



“ *My sincerest sympathies to the Virnig family.*



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**Diane** - December 14, 2016 at 07:09 PM



“ *Pat Dickmann lit a candle in memory of Richard "Dick" Virnig*



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**Pat Dickmann** - December 11, 2016 at 06:25 PM



“ Kelly Thomsen lit a candle in memory of Richard "Dick" Virnig



Kelly Thomsen - December 11, 2016 at 09:19 AM



“ 2 files added to the album Life Tributes



Lemieur Funeral Homes - December 10, 2016 at 02:39 PM



“ 43 files added to the album Life Tributes



May Grandpa Richard find his key and go into the gates of heaven. With Lots of Love Eddy, Julia and Chris.



Lemieur Funeral Homes - December 10, 2016 at 10:47 AM

LH

“ LeRoy & Peggy Hoheisel sent a virtual gift in memory of Richard "Dick" Virnig



LeRoy & Peggy Hoheisel - December 09, 2016 at 04:53 PM

TN

“ Theresa (Otremba) Nelson lit a candle in memory of Richard "Dick" Virnig



Theresa (Otremba) Nelson - December 09, 2016 at 09:12 AM

CB

“ Correna Becker lit a candle in memory of Richard "Dick" Virnig



Correna Becker - December 09, 2016 at 06:51 AM

JB

“ Jerry & Audrey Becker lit a candle in memory of Richard "Dick" Virnig



Jerry & Audrey Becker - December 09, 2016 at 04:25 AM