



Richard Dean Welty was born February 19, 1934 to Kermit and Loretta (Lucille) Salsbury Welty at Fairview, Montana. As a small child Dick's father moved the family to various places before settling in the Buford, North Dakota area where Dick remained his entire life. He was educated in Sidney, Buford and Trenton schools.

In 1952 Dick enlisted in the US Navy where he served as a Radar Operator aboard the USS Vogelgesang and achieved the rank of Chief Petty Officer 1st Class. He was honorably discharged from the Navy on June 1, 1956. Upon completion of his military duty, Dick attended UND - Grand Forks for a time before returning to the Buford area.

When he returned to Buford, Dick married Charlotte Hurley on August 27, 1958 in Williston, North Dakota. The couple established their home in Buford where they took over the Welty family farm. He remained there until his death.

He was a member of the Buford Odd Fellows Lodge, and was manager of the Irrigation District and later severed on the board of the Irrigation District, he was also on the Township Board. Dick was a member of Trinity Lutheran Church.

Dick is survived by his wife, Charlotte of Buford, ND; son, Carlen Welty of Cedar Rapids, IA and his children Cheyenne, Josie and Shane; daughter Jeannette Welty of Madison, WI and her daughter Shanna Lindquist, His son Nathan (Yvette) Welty of Buford and their children, Kyle, Sean and Matthew; and daughter, Natalie Welty (Greg Sachau) of Morton, IL; great-grandson Beau Welty; and brothers, Dennis (Kathy) Welty of Spokane, WA and Leon (Billie) Welty of Kalispell, MT. He is also survived by numerous nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents; sister, Carolyn; and infant brother, Harlan.

Dick cherished his wife of over fifty years, children and grandchildren. He loved farming, gardening, visiting with friends & family, learning and had a great sense of humor. His laughter and smile will be greatly missed by those who loved him.



I'm Free

*Don't grieve for me, for now I'm free
I'm following the path God has laid you see.
I took his hand when I heard Him call
I turned my back and left it all.*

*I could not stay another day
To laugh, to love, to work, to play.
Tasks left undone must stay that way
I found that peace at the close of day.*

*If my parting has left a void
Then fill it with remembered joys.
A friendship shared, a laugh, a kiss,
O yes, these things I too will miss.*

*Be not burdened with times of sorrow
I wish you the sunshine of tomorrow
My life's been full, I savored much
Good friends, good times, a loved one's touch.*

*Perhaps my time seemed all too brief
Don't lengthen it now with undue grief,
Lift up your hearts and peace to thee-
God wanted me now: He set me free...*

Author Unknown

In Memory Of Richard (Dick) Welty

Date And Place Of Birth

February 19, 1934
Fairview, Montana

Date And Place of Death

March 30, 2009
Williston, North Dakota

Funeral Service

3:00 PM, Thursday, April 2, 2009
First Lutheran Chapel
Williston, North Dakota

Clergy

Pastor Marty Mock

Musicians

Michelle Nelson ~ Vocalist
Richard Falcon ~ Accompanist

Casketbearers

Mark Hurley	Everette Hurley	Todd Hurley
Wade Hurley	Robert Ferrell	Pat Helgeson

Honorary Casketbearers

Jack Wicorek	Leon Stair
Don Stair	Doug Stair

Military Honors

Williston Veteran's Honor Guard
North Dakota Veteran's Honor Guard

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