

I believe a man's greatest possession is his dignity and that no calling bestows this more abundantly than farming. I believe hard work and honest sweat are the building blocks of a person's character. I believe that farming, despite hardships and disappointments, is the most honest and honorable way a man can spend his days on this earth. I believe farming nurtures the close family ties that make life rich in many ways that money can't buy. I believe my children are learning values that will last a lifetime and can be learned in no other way. I believe farming provides education for life that no other occupation teaches so much about birth, growth, and maturity in such a variety of ways. I believe many of the best things in life are indeed free: the splendor of a sunrise, the rapture of wide open spaces, the exhilarating sight of your land greening each spring. I believe that true happiness comes from watching your crops ripen in the field, your children grow tall in the sun, your whole family feel the pride that springs from their shared experience. I believe that by my toil I am giving more to the world than I am taking from it, an honor that does not come to all men. I believe that my life will be measured ultimately by what I have done for my fellowman, and by this standard I fear no judgement. I believe when a man grows old and sums up his days, he should be able to stand tall and feel pride in the life he's lived. I believe in farming because it makes all this possible.



In Loving Memory of Richard Charles Cayko

Born to John & Jeannette (Berry) Cayko
May 28, 1950 - Sidney, Montana

Entered the Eternal Fields
August 8, 2025 - East Fairview, North Dakota

Mass of the Christian Burial
Thursday, August 14, 2025 at 10:00 AM
St. Matthew's Catholic Church - Sidney, Montana

Officiating
Father Jim O'Neil

Casketbearers
Gunner Cayko Carson Cayko Bridger Free
Don Trudell Todd Cayko Luke Berry

Honorary Casketbearers
John Cayko Alex Cayko

Ushers
Judd Burman Casey Schlothauer

Music
Aly Schriver Jacq Free Jan Duda

Luncheon
St. Catherine's Catholic Church - Fairview, Montana

Final Resting Place
Fairview Cemetery - Fairview, North Dakota

Arrangements By
Fulkerson Stevenson Funeral Home
Sidney, Montana

I N L O V I N G
Memory



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May 28, 1950 -
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Richard Charles Cayko passed away peacefully on Friday evening at his farm home in Fairview, North Dakota. He was born on May 28, 1950, in Sidney, Montana, to John and Jeannette (Berry) Cayko, and was 75 years old.

In 2019, Richard battled cancer, and in the years since, he lived life to the fullest. He was preceded in death by his parents; his brother, Johnny; his wife, Patricia (Pat); and his son, Craig.

Richard is survived by his wife, Catherine (Foster); Brother Ivan, Brother Terry (Vicky), Sister Elaine (Trudell) (Harvey Finsaas), daughter Marci (Kevin Lynch) of Huntley, MT; daughter Tana of Sidney, MT; son Anthony "Tony" (Christine Lerdahl) of Bloomington, MN; stepson Derk Lockhart; stepson Hootie (Kelli) Lockhart; and stepdaughter Jovita (Aaron Ellis) of Walker, LA.

He was blessed with grandchildren and great-grandchildren, including granddaughters from Marci and Tana; grandsons John and Alex from Tony; and 7 grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren through his marriage to Catherine.



Richard was full of life and deeply committed to his community. Known for his jovial spirit and huge personality, he had a gift for making people feel welcome. He flirted playfully with the ladies, shared countless laughs with the guys, and always had a joke ready. Richard seemed to know everyone – and everyone knew and loved him. He helped countless people over the years, serving as a true pillar of the community. On the many boards where he served, he brought common sense, steady leadership, and a sense of humor. He had a way of bringing sunshine into a gloomy room and was generous with both his time and his smiles.

His service included the Jaycees; the East Fairview School Board (12 years); the Job Development Authority of McKenzie County; McKenzie County Commissioner (20 years); the Lower Yellowstone Irrigation Board; the Garrison Diversion Project; and the Yellowstone Township Board of Supervision. He was also a member and Exalted Ruler of the Elks, and a devoted member of St. Catherine's Catholic Church.

