



Richard L. Switzer

December 18, 1944 - March 10, 2011

PIERCE -- Services for Richard L. Switzer, 66, of Hadar will be at 10:30 a.m. Monday at St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Pierce. The Rev. Keith Rezac will officiate, with burial in the Clearwater Community Cemetery. American Legion Post 267 of Clearwater will conduct military graveside rites. Visitation will be 4-7 p.m. Sunday at the Stonacek Funeral Chapel in Norfolk where a rosary will be recited at 7:30 p.m. He died Thursday, March 10, 2011, at Faith Regional Health Services in Norfolk. He was born Dec. 18, 1944, at Clearwater to Lloyd and Orpha (Wyman) Switzer. He attended elementary school first in Clearwater and then in O'Neill. He graduated from O'Neill High School in 1963. He and Janet Kocian were married on April 22, 1967, at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Spencer. Richard was employed at Safeway in Neligh and Hinky Dinky and the Warehouse Market in Norfolk. He retired in 2009 from Farner Vending after 18 years of service. Richard was a great sports enthusiast. He was a bowler on many area leagues for over 40 years. Richard was instrumental in establishing the horseshoe pits in Norfolk and Hadar. He participated in many local, state and world horseshoe tournaments. Richard founded and coached his daughters' softball team in Hadar. He enjoyed watching Husker football and his grandsons' sports. Richard was a Vietnam War veteran, serving in the U.S. Air Force from May 20, 1966, to Oct. 31, 1969. He was a member of St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Pierce, was a firefighter and town board member in Hadar and a member of the American Legion in Norfolk. Survivors include his wife, Janet, of Hadar; three daughters,

Debra and husband Mark Hickman of Albion, Connie and husband Dave Meyer of Norfolk, and Vickie and husband Kraig Christiansen of Plainview; seven grandsons; brother Dal Switzer of Prescott Valley, Ariz.; sister Linda and husband Jim McCarthy of Dupuyer, Mont.; sister-in-law Dorothy Switzer of Omaha; brother-in-law Jim Kocian of Spencer; sister-in-law Bette and John Shald of Stewart; many nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents, one sister, three brothers, two sisters-in-law and one brother-in-law. The organist will be Shirley Hetrick, with solos by Duane Christiansen: "Old Rugged Cross," "Amazing Grace" and "The Lord's Prayer." Casket bearers will be Kevin Switzer, Dana Switzer, Harlan Liska, Bob Shald, Neil Shald and Cope Clark. Honorary casket bearers will be Lonnie Sandall, Gene Farr, John Baker, Dewain Paulsen, Haydn Rugg, Blake Christiansen, Josh Meyer, Garrison Rugg, Austin Christiansen, Nickolas Christiansen and Gavin Christiansen.

Tribute Wall



“ *Richard L. Switzer*

October 05, 2023 at 03:46 AM



“ *Dear Janet: May the memories of all of the good times from your long marriage sustain you. You are in our thoughts and prayers.\n\n\nPatty and Maureen\n\nLong Beach, California##imported-begin##Patricia Kocian Kelly & Maureen Kelly##imported-end##*

March 16, 2011 at 05:33 PM



“ *Vickie, Kraig, Blake, Austin, Nick and Gavin\n\n\nOur prayers are with you and your family. Cherish the memories, may you find comfort and peace.##imported-begin##Dan, Jen, Blake, Elise, and Kenzie Cunningham##imported-end##*

March 14, 2011 at 06:50 AM



“ *My condolences to the entire family of Rich. I used to throw horseshoes with him.##imported-begin##Jennifer Machacek##imported-end##*

March 13, 2011 at 06:43 PM



“ Aunt Janet and girls, \r\n\r\nHe will be missed by all of neices and nephews. I loved him very much. He reminded me of my Dad and \r\nGrandpa Switzer. I will remember all of the good times I had with him. God bless all of you. \r\n\r\nYour niece and cousin, \r\n\r\nDee###imported-begin###Deleta (Switzer) Herschlag###imported-end##

March 13, 2011 at 04:30 PM



“ Janet, Deb & all of the family , \r\n My most sincere condolences to all of you. It makes me angry that cancer has claimed another life, yet I know that your loved one is now rejoicing . May God bless you in the difficult coming days and months, and may your precious memories sustain you.###imported-begin###Joan Lebo Hardman###imported-end##

March 13, 2011 at 02:25 PM



“ My prayers and thoughts are with your family.###imported-begin###Bruce Mills###imported-end##

March 12, 2011 at 10:10 PM



“ Our condolences to all of Richard's family on your loss. He will be missed by all who knew him. May all of the happy memories bring some comfort. You are in our thoughts and prayers.###imported-begin###Gene & Wendy Kelly###imported-end##

March 12, 2011 at 08:46 PM



“ So sorry to hear of your loss. I worked with Rich for a time at Safeway in O'Neill in the late 60's He was so kind to our sister Mary. We hope you find comfort.##imported-begin##Frank Kamphaus Columbus Ne.##imported-end##

March 12, 2011 at 03:48 PM



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March 12, 2011 at 03:44 PM



“ Vickie and family,\r\n\r\nPeace and memories be with you at this time. Please let us know if there is anything we can do. Take care!##imported-begin##Dean, Christi, Trey, Teran, Tyan, and Teya Boyer##imported-end##

March 12, 2011 at 02:31 PM



“ Vicki and Family,\r\nMay you find comfort in your memories,we are so sorry for your loss.Please let us know if you need anything .\r\nPatti, Jim,Kelly, Mack and Hannah##imported-begin##The Brady's##imported-end##

March 12, 2011 at 08:37 AM