



## Richard D. "Dick" Zierke

November 10, 1942 - July 23, 2017

PIERCE — Services for Richard D. "Dick" Zierke, 74, Pierce, will be at 10:30 a.m. Thursday, July 27, at Zion Lutheran Church in Pierce. The Rev. Gordon Bruce will officiate. Burial will be at the Prospect View Cemetery in Pierce. Visitation will be 4-7 p.m. Wednesday at the church in Pierce. Stonacek Memorial Chapel in Pierce is in charge of the arrangements. He died Sunday, July 23, 2017, at Lakeside Hospital in Omaha.

Richard D. "Dick" Zierke was born Nov. 10, 1942, in Norfolk, to Melvin and Arlene (Vonderohe) Zierke. He was baptized Nov. 27, 1942, and confirmed April 14, 1957, by the Rev. Harms at Zion Lutheran Church. In 1961, he graduated from Pierce High School, where he was named athlete of the year during his senior year. He married Jan Herbolsheimer on April 4, 1965, at Zion East Lutheran Church near Hoskins. The couple lived in the Pierce area. Over the years, Dick worked for Miller Produce, Lenz Construction and as a feed salesman for Mormon Feeds.

Dick was in the construction business, building hog confinement buildings and homes. They also owned and operated Twin Lakes Kennels, raising and selling Labrador pups. Their farm operation consisted of raising hogs, stock cows and American Quarters Horses. One horse he sold to Terry Bradshaw down in Texas at his ranch. Dick was an avid hunter and fisherman, especially walleye, and enjoyed watching sports going on throughout the year. Dick enjoyed Elk hunting trips to Craig, Colo., over the years. His greatest joy was his family who he dearly loved.

He was a member of Zion Lutheran Church in Pierce, where he served as a trustee.

Survivors are his spouse, Jan Zierke of Pierce; a daughter, Joan Droescher of Pierce; a son, Troy (Stacy) Zierke of North Platte; four grandchildren, Amber (Dan) Kavan of Omaha, Afton (Cole) Tietgen of Pierce, Brock Droescher of Pittsburg, Kan., and Marli Zierke of North Platte; four great-grandchildren, Ryan Tietgen, Carter Tietgen, Asher Kavan and Audrey Kavan; two brothers, LeRay (Karen) Zierke of Pierce and Roderick Zierke of Tecumseh; two sisters, Janelle (Ron) Feddern of Foster and Margaret "Peg" (Myron) Kumm of Wausa.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Melvin and Arlene.

Music will be provided by organist Linda Peekenschneider with "Old Rugged Cross" and "You Raise Me Up" sung by Bill and James O'Malley.

Congregational hymns are "How Great Thou Art" and "Go My Children With My Blessing."

Casket bearers will be his nephews: Bishop Brian Maas, Rick Maas, Chad Maas, Mike Zierke, the Rev. David Feddern, Tony Kumm and Luke Kumm.

Honorary casketbearers will be his morning coffee shop group, and hunting, fishing and golfing buddies.

Online condolences may be sent to [stonacekfuneralchapel.com](http://stonacekfuneralchapel.com).

# Cemetery Details

## **Prospect View Cemetery - Rural Pierce**

Pierce, NE

# Tribute Wall



“ *Richard D. "Dick" Zierke*

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October 05, 2023 at 03:46 AM



“ *I am so sorry for your loss. I am Ron Soenksen's nephew and I had the opportunity to meet Dick when he, Ron, and Donrel came down to Oklahoma and crappie fished. I so enjoyed that trip, especially talking Husker football with Dick. I am praying for peace and comfort during this difficult time.*

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**Larry Johnson** - July 29, 2017 at 09:36 AM



“ *My sympathies to you and your family on your loss. God will watch over you thru this time of grief and sorrow but you will all be reunited someday which is God's promise to us all. Pam Purdie-Purinton*

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**Pam Purdie-Purinton** - July 25, 2017 at 12:52 PM



“ *The Class of 1961 must say "Good bye" to yet another classmate. My sympathy to the Family. Mary Ann Laubsch Keller*

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**Mary Ann Keller** - July 24, 2017 at 05:00 PM