

With family at his side, Richard Wik, 81, passed into his heavenly home, March 15, 2018, at his Florida home after a long struggle with Parkinson's Disease. Burial will be in South Dakota.

Richard Lyle Wik was born November 6, 1936, in Redfield, South Dakota to Milton and Grace (Riser) Wik. August 17, 1958, Richard married his sweetheart, Jean Beck, to which union two beloved children, Steve and Lori, were born.

He enrolled in the School of Business at Northern State College in 1956 and graduated with a Bachelor of Science degree in Business Administration in 1960. After graduation he was employed by the Aberdeen American News in sales. In 1963 he moved to Bloomington, Minnesota, and began working for Merrill Burgess at Burgess-Beckwith Publishing Company as their first traveling salesman. He later owned the company and renamed it Burgess International Group, Inc., which became a diversified organization with 38 locations around the nation. Richard was responsible for the concept of custom publishing. In the mid-80s, he was awarded the Book Printer of the Year Award. He was among the top 50 Quick Printers in the US. In 2002 Richard received the Northern State College Distinguished Alumni Award.

In 2000 Richard sold his company and retired. He and his wife, Jean spent summers in South Dakota and winters in Ft. Myers, Florida.

He was an avid bird hunter and fisherman, taking trips to Alaska, Cabo San Lucas, Argentina and Costa Rica. As a result of his hunting interest, he restored the Norbeck Baptist Church into a hunting lodge, which he operated from 2006-2011. He was a private pilot and enjoyed many cross country trips in his Mooney airplane. He enjoyed boating, water skiing, snow skiing, snowmobiling and golf. He was interested in restoring antiques and old vehicles, the most recent being the restoration of a 1952 pickup.

Most of all Richard loved time with his family. Many family trips were taken with Steve and Lori throughout the United States including a Christmas family trip to Hawaii in 1977. He especially enjoyed sharing wolf stories with his special granddaughters, Allison and Susan, when they were young as well as later giving them advice and mentoring their careers.

Richard was a friend to all who knew him; he loved his Savior Jesus and had a positive outlook on life displayed by his generous, Christian attitude to all he met. He was a fascinating conversationalist and could visit with anyone and make them feel at ease.

Richard will be deeply missed by Jean, his wife of 59 ½ years, his son, Steve (Janet) of rural Faulkton, SD, daughter, Lori, of Minneapolis, MN, granddaughter Allison (Brady) Kleffman along with great grandson, Lleyton and great granddaughter Eden Grace of Aberdeen, SD, and granddaughter Susan Wik of Sioux Falls, SD. He is survived by his brother Robert (Nancy) Wik of Gregory, SD, his sister Marilyn (Jim) Schlekeway of Mobridge, SD, and his brother-in-law, John Beck of Aberdeen, SD as well as nieces and nephews and countless friends and co-workers.

Preceding him in death were his parents, Milton and Grace Wik and his in-laws, Herman and Ferdina Beck Kalt and sister-in-law, Vera Finney Wik.

CELEBRATION OF LIFE

Richard Lyle Wik



11:00 a.m., Saturday, May 26, 2018

United Church of Faulkton

Faulkton, South Dakota

John 3:16 "For God so loved the World, that He gave His only begotten son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life."



A Letter from Heaven

When tomorrow starts without me,
 and I'm not here to see,
 if the sun should rise and find your
 eyes, filled with tears for me,
 I wish so much you wouldn't cry,
 the way you did today,
 while thinking of the many things
 we didn't get to say.
 I know how much you love me,
 as much as I love you,
 and each time you think of me,
 I know you'll miss me too.
 When tomorrow starts without me,
 don't think we're far apart,
 for every time you think of me,
 I'm right there in your heart.

--Alena Meadows

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Order of Service

Welcome/announcements.....	Jim Schlekeway
Piano Selection.....	Susan Wik
Opening Prayer and John 14:16.....	Scott Wik
<i>What A Friend We Have In Jesus</i>	Congregation
Reading of Obituary.....	Steve Wik
Reading of poem by Mary Elizabeth Frye.....	Allison Kleffman
Sharing of Memories.....	Harry Cleberg, Barry Bain, Dave Weber, Don Brown, Dick Olen, Todd Schlekeway
<i>In the Garden</i>	Jean Wik
Marilyn's 80 th Birthday Poem.....	Marilyn Schlekeway
<i>He Touched Me</i>	Robert Wik
Reading from the Gospel of John.....	Sherri Burres, Tami Boehnke
Message.....	Robert Wik
<i>How Great Thou Art</i>	soloist, Deana Wik/congregation on chorus
Closing Prayer.....	Todd Schlekeway
<i>Where He Leads Me I Will Follow</i>	YouTube

Acknowledgements

Honorary Pallbearers: Steve Wik, Lori Wik, Scott Wik,
 Sherri Burres, Todd Schlekeway, Tami Boehnke

Ushers: Joel Melius and Bruce Schilder

Sound: Brent Koens

Video Slideshow: Scott Howard

Pianist: Diane Hansen

Guest Book: Kris Meyer

Lunch Reception

The family invites everyone for a lunch and time of fellowship
 immediately following the memorial service.

Burial

Millard Cemetery – rural Wecota, South Dakota