

*John J. Benz* was born on May 24, 1931, on the family farm in Slope County, the son of Jack and Frances (Frederick) Benz. Growing up on the farm west of New England, he attended country school. He worked on the farm until his enlistment in the U.S. Navy in 1951 during the Korean War. Following his honorable discharge, he returned to the New England area where he met and married Veronica 'Ronnie' Jahner in Regent in 1956. After a few years of farming, John and Ronnie moved to New England where John began driving truck. The family moved to Dickinson a few years later. Their marriage was blessed with five sons. He enjoyed fishing (especially taking all five boys out of the house and providing some relief for Ronnie), gardening, lawn work, taking care of the house, and dancing at St. Anthony, Eagles and St. Pius. His faith was very important to him, and he enjoyed volunteering at church in his later years. After Veronica's passing in 1984, he married Theresia Ficek in 1985 and the couple continued to reside in Dickinson. John graded roads and drove truck for Stark County in his later years before retirement. John and Theresia were very active and enjoyed their retirement years. Theresia passed in 2021. John made friends everywhere he went. He had a great sense of humor and always had a joke ready to share. In his later years, John resided at Park Avenue Villa and St. Luke's nursing home. He adored the staff there and the feeling was mutual. He was known for writing and reciting poems. He will be remembered for his outgoing, friendly nature and positive outlook even during trying times. John is survived by sons, Darwin (Mary) Benz of Brooklyn Park, MN, Cordell (Kim) Benz of Prosperity, SC, Dean (Emily) Benz of Pelican Rapids, MN, Bob Benz of Brooklyn Park, MN; daughter-in-law, Jill Benz of Dickinson; grandchildren, Amanda, Derrick, Austin, Laura, Brian, Lisa and David; 12 great-grandchildren; brother, Henry Benz. He is also survived by stepsons David (LaVerne) Ficek and Leroy (Koletta) Ficek; step-grandchildren, Jennifer, Scott, Patrick, Missy, Christopher and 7 step-great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his parents, Jack and Frances Benz; first wife, Veronica; son, Kevin Benz; grandchildren, Steven and Ashley; siblings, Margie, Frances, Jeanette and Benny and second wife Theresia.

## Dads

Written by John Benz

Some dads are short,  
some dads are tall  
Some of us maybe never had a dad at all  
We have to remember  
dads are picked from above  
And we must respect them  
and show them a lot of love  
For being a dad is a very hard role to play  
You have to get rough;  
and also, be nice all in the same day  
Some dads work hard all their lives  
to pay up those bills  
And hope to have a few bucks  
to put in their will  
So, let's honor all dads on their special day  
Let's call them and say,  
"Hey dad! You done OK."



In Loving Memory Of

*John Benz*

May 24, 1931 - January 20, 2022



# John Benz

## **FUNERAL MASS:**

Tuesday, January 25, 2022 2:00 pm  
Queen of Peace Catholic Church  
Dickinson, North Dakota

## **ROSARY & VIGIL:**

Monday, January 24, 2022 6:30 pm  
Stevenson Funeral Home  
Dickinson, North Dakota  
Deacon Leonard Krebs

## **CELEBRATING:**

Father Gary Benz

## **MUSIC:**

Sandy Tibor

## **READERS:**

Laura Thompson Mary Benz

## **PALLBEARERS:**

Darwin Benz Derrick Benz  
Cordell Benz Austin Benz  
Dean Benz Brian Benz  
Bob Benz David Benz

## **MILITARY HONORS:**

Dickinson American Legion  
Post #3 Honor Guard

## **INTERMENT:**

St. Wenceslaus Cemetery  
Dickinson, North Dakota

## **ARRANGEMENTS BY:**

Stevenson Funeral Home  
Dickinson, North Dakota

*There will be lunch at the church  
following the graveside service.  
Everyone is welcome.*

