

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.*

