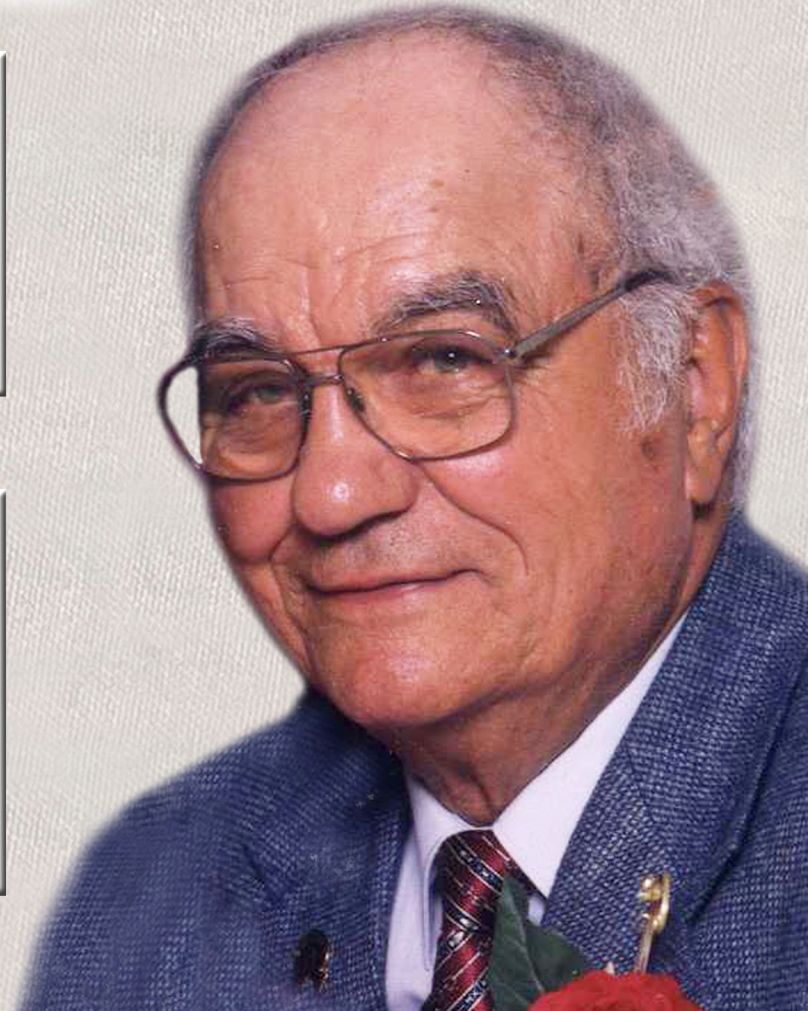


**Roy A. Basaraba** was born March 28, 1926, the youngest of nine children born to Mike and Pearl (Ewoniuk) Basaraba. He grew up on the family ranch in Magpie Creek in the badlands of Billings County. Roy walked many cold days 1 ½ miles to the Black Butte one-room country school. In 1947, Roy graduated from St. Basil's Prep School in Stamford Connecticut. He then earned a teaching certificate from Dickinson State Teacher's College. On the outbreak of the Korean War in 1950, Roy enlisted in the U.S. Army where he served 18 months in Korea as part of the U.S. Military Intelligence Unit. Roy was honorably discharged in September of 1952. Roy met Ann Kanski and they were married on November 6, 1954 at St. Demetrius Ukrainian Catholic Church. Roy and Ann raised their nine children on the family ranch. Working as a team the family completed household chores, milking cows, feeding calves, hogs, chickens, gardening, making hay, herding cattle, and branding. On occasion there was time to pick wild berries for jelly and choke cherry wine. In 1984, Governor George Sinner appointed Roy to the North Dakota State Health Department. He was instrumental in negotiating a state permit to establish Killdeer Hill Top Home of Comfort. Roy served on the local school board, the Medora Grazing Association Board of Directors, Commander of Belfield American Legion William C. Blair Post #144, Billings County Veterans Service Officer, and Fairfield Community Club member. He also was a lifetime member of the Belfield Knights of Columbus Council #6310, where he served as Grand Knight and District Deputy. Roy was a major political party district chairman of the 39th Legislative District. Roy was proud of his Ukrainian heritage and Ukrainian church. He served as a cantor, CCD instructor, and member of board of trustees. Roy strongly supported the establishment of the Ukrainian Cultural Institute and was a lifetime member. He contributed to the viability of the institute and was inducted into the Ukrainian Cultural Institute Hall of Fame. On retirement, Roy and Ann enjoyed many pleasant times camping, boating, and fishing the big lake. Roy's later years were of great joy of the companionship of his "Corgi Buddy." They both enjoyed many years of daily walks and stopping at the La Quinta motel for breakfast where Buddy would cherish many treats from his admirers. To honor the contributions

of the Ukrainian homesteaders Roy established a grotto at St. Josaphat Cemetery in Gorham. Roy is survived by his children: Teresa (Anthony) Kessel of Belfield, Donald (Carol) Basaraba of Fairfield, Bernadette Basaraba of LaPorte, CO, Kiki (Jeff) Haich of Dickinson, Stephanie Klym of Belfield, Patricia (Gary) Malkowski of Dickinson, Yvonne (Jason) Wock of Mud Butte, SD, Kathy Jo (Wayne) Cline of Beulah, Roy M. Basaraba of Beulah; 29 grandchildren and 27 great-grandchildren; cousin Sister Stephanie Dolyniuk; and numerous nephews and nieces. He was preceded in death by his wife, Ann; parents, Mike and Pearl Basaraba; son-in-law, Roger Klym; 5 brothers Sam, Peter, Ben, Steve, and William; 3 sisters Catherine, Josephine, and Elizabeth; numerous nieces, nephews and cousins.

# Roy A. Basaraba

March 28, 1926 - January 29, 2023







This is a memento showcase outside our Dad's room at St. Luke's Home where he resided. Dad asked to have this shared because this tells a story of his life, his Ukrainian heritage, and the strong Ukraine Catholic faith he cherished. The picture of his sweet dog, Buddy. They met and made many happy friends on their daily morning walks in their neighborhood of Dickinson. And don't forget the pheasant that roamed the badlands of his homestead. Take a close look at the greeting card Dad received with a magpie on the front. Magpies are Dad's favorite bird. His life is showcased in this very special display.



# Roy A. Basaraba

## **DIVINE LITURGY OF CHRISTIAN BURIAL:**

Friday, February 3, 2023 10:00 am  
St. John the Baptist Ukrainian Catholic Church  
Belfield, North Dakota

## **PARASTAS:**

Thursday, February 2, 2023 7:00 pm  
St. John the Baptist Ukrainian Catholic Church  
Belfield, North Dakota  
*Parastas will be followed by an all night vigil.*

## **CELEBRATING:**

Father Martin Nagy  
Deacon Tony Holt

## **MUSIC:**

St. Johns Choir  
St. Demetrius Choir

## **PALLBEARERS:**

Michael Malkowski	Bodi Beckler
Ed Kessel	Randy Basaraba
Steven Klym	Darren Basaraba
Justin Wock	John Olienyk

## **MILITARY:**

Belfield William C. Blair Post #144 Honor Guard  
Dickinson American Legion Post #3 Honor Guard

## **INTERMENT:**

St. Josephat Cemetery  
Gorham, North Dakota

## **ARRANGEMENTS BY:**

Stevenson Funeral Home  
Dickinson, North Dakota

*Lunch will be served at St. John Baptist Ukrainian  
Catholic Church following the military honors.  
Everyone is welcome.*