

Gilbert Ridl was born on a farm near South Heart on June 11, 1933. He was the oldest child of Theodore and Rosalie (Steffan) Ridl; farmers in the area. Gilbert was proud of his Steffan and Ridl heritage. He carried stories from his parents' generation and told them readily to younger members of the family, to keep his parents' and grandparents' history alive. He graduated from Dickinson State Teachers College with a Bachelor of Arts degree in 1956 and went on to teach for a number of years at local schools. During this time he also helped his parents on the family farm, which grew wheat primarily. In the 1960s he gave up teaching to farm full-time after the early passing of his father. During the oil boom of the 1970s Gilbert began to educate himself about the oil industry; and later expanded his research to learn about drilling rights, and then stock brokerage; and developed a career for himself as a self-employed stock trader and analyst. He was also instrumental in getting mineral rights that had been in the family for years divided up correctly, so that all members of the large extended family could benefit. Gilbert was a member of St Patrick's Catholic church and the Knights of Columbus. He was dedicated to taking care of his mother, Rosalie Ridl, who lived to age 101; and to his sister, Rosie Strom, who passed away in 2005. His father, Ted Ridl, passed away in 1968. Gilbert was most active socially in his later years with his friends at regular pinochle games; and with his friends in the business community; and the fellow Knights of Columbus. He also maintained close relationships with his brother-in-law Jerry Strom; his nephew Roger Strom (and wife Helen); and niece Nancy Strom Miller (and husband Gavin); and his five grandnephews and grandnieces. He was a lifelong bachelor who had a special long-time relationship with Josephine Haverlock, who passed away in 2010. Gilbert was known to be good natured, intelligent and steadfastly independent. He was a living bridge between the late 19th century and early 20th century settlers of Czech and Bohemian descent in Western North Dakota.



In Loving Memory

Gilbert Ridl

June 11, 1933 - September 25, 2021





Gilbert Ridl

FUNERAL MASS

Friday, October 22, 2021 10:00 am
St. Patrick's Catholic Church
Dickinson, North Dakota

ROSARY & VIGIL

Thursday, October 21, 2021 6:00 pm
Stevenson Funeral Home
Dickinson, North Dakota
Deacon Leonard Krebs
*Special Sharing by Nancy Strom,
Jerome Strom, Richard Braun,
and Roger Strom*

CELEBRATING

Father Bill Ruelle

MUSIC

Sandy Tibor

PALLBEARERS

All of Gilbert's Nieces & Nephews

SPECIAL HONORS

Fourth Degree Knights of Columbus

INTERMENT

St. Patrick's Cemetery
Dickinson, North Dakota

ARRANGEMENTS BY

Stevenson Funeral Home
Dickinson, North Dakota

*There will be a reception following the
graveside service at Phat Fish Brewery.
Everyone is welcome.*

The Twenty-Third Psalm
The Lord is my Shepherd;

I shall not want.

He maketh me to lie down
in green pastures:

He leadeth me beside the still waters:

He restoreth my soul:

He leadeth me in the paths
of righteousness

For his name's sake..

Yea, though I walk through the valley
of the shadow of death,

I will fear no evil:

for Thou art with me;

Thy rod and thy staff they comfort me.

Thou preparest a table before me
in the presence of mine enemies:

Thou anointest my head with oil;
my cup runneth over.. Surely

Goodness and mercy shall follow me

all the days of my life:

And I will dwell in the house
of the Lord forever...