



Martin Dietrich

November 8, 1928 - October 9, 2016

Martin Dietrich, passed away quietly while surrounded by family, sitting in his favorite chair in Assumption Home in Cold Spring, MN on October ninth, 2016.

Martin was born on November 8th, 1928 to Jacob and Selma Dietrich in Zeeland, North Dakota. He grew up with his eleven brothers and sisters in Western South Dakota on the family homesteaded farm near McLaughlin. Like many boys of that time, he left his one-room schoolhouse after the 8th grade to help on the farm. One thing led to another and that led him to Aberdeen, South Dakota where he met and married Roberta “Bobbie” Cochrane in August of 1955.

About that one thing leading to another... Martin did many things during his rich and full lifetime. After leaving the family farm, Martin did a little gold-mining in the black hills, became a cattle rancher with his brother Marvin, and then took to the rodeo. He was riding in Chicago when a particularly ornery bull side-tracked his rodeo career. Then Uncle Sam called and he served as a radio operator in Korea, receiving a bronze star for his service during combat. After returning from Korea, he resumed his education and finished his bachelor’s and master’s degrees at Northern State college in Aberdeen, South Dakota. He served as superintendent of schools in Gettysburg, South Dakota and then moved into banking, serving as Vice President in Gettysburg, and President of banks in both Paynesville, Minnesota and Greenfield, Iowa.

Martin was an active member of every community in which he lived including the Lions Club, the Lutheran Church, the Chamber of Commerce, foster parenting, and the Golf course, to name a few.

Martin is survived by his daughter TyLynn Theis (Steve); son Doug (Rachel); grandchildren Adam Theis (Liz), Matt Theis, Danna Theis, Rebeca Dietrich-Fine (Joe), John Dietrich, and Jake Dietrich; great-grandson "Robbie" Theis; siblings Harold Dietrich (Chun Ok), Leslie Dietrich, Delaine Maxon (Mel), Elwood Dietrich, Kenneth Dietrich; foster children Nancy Daniels, Lynn Chantler, Tammy Jackels, Kevin Langager, and Jake Rantanen.

Martin was preceded in death by his Wife Roberta; siblings Edwin Dietrich, Aurelia Dietrich, Lucy Kamletz, Lorraine Hendrix, Marvin Dietrich, and Elmer Dietrich.

Martin's family would like to express their deep appreciation to the staff at Assumption Home and Heartland Hospice, both in Cold Spring, MN for their loving attention and kindness shown both to Martin and Bobbie in their final years and moments.

Martin's family invites everyone who was lucky enough to know their humble, gracious, and caring father and grandfather to join them in celebrating his life at a viewing to be held at Wenner Funeral Home in Cold Spring, MN on Wednesday, October 12th from 5:00 pm to 7:00 pm and one hour prior to the service at the church. A funeral service will be held at Peace Lutheran Church, in Cold Spring on Thursday, October 13th at 11:00 followed by a reception at noon.

In lieu of flowers, friends and family are encouraged to send donations to the Dakota Boy's & Girl's Ranch or another charity of choice.

Cemetery Details

Gardn of Peace Cemetery

Previous Events

Gathering of Relatives and Friends

OCT **12**. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Cold Spring, Wenner Funeral Home
600 Red River Ave S
Cold Spring, MN 56320
(320) 685-7762
office@wennerfuneralhome.com
<https://www.wennerfuneralhome.com>

Gathering of Relatives and Friends

OCT **13**. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Peace Lutheran Church
1000 Red River Ave. No.
Cold Spring, MN 56320

Funeral Services

OCT **13**. 11:00 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Martin Dietrich*

January 29, 2023 at 09:26 AM



“ *The time I spent in the Dietrich family were some of the best times of my life. I can still remember sitting in the goose blind with Martin, or fishing at the lake. He taught me how to golf and even survived my learning how to drive.*

He and Bobbie gave so much of their time in so many ways to so many people. I hope the comfort that Bobby & Martin are together again can ease some of the pain. My thoughts and prayers go out to Doug & Tylynn and their families at this time of loss. Martin was truly a great man.

Kevin Langager

Kevin Langager - October 11, 2016 at 10:37 PM



Thanks for sharing. Kevin

Doug Dietrich - October 15, 2016 at 07:50 PM



“ *This great man will be missed by all who had the pleasure of knowing him. Hugs and prayers from The Rantanen family.*

Dan and Becky Rantanen - October 11, 2016 at 07:57 PM

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Thank you Dan & Becky. It meant a lot that Jake went so far out of his way to join us at the ceremony. He is a good man.

Doug Dietrich - October 15, 2016 at 07:51 PM

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“ *I am so sorry for your loss!! May God's love and peace shine down upon you and your family!*

Kathy (Pederson) Allen

kathy allen - October 11, 2016 at 03:56 PM

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Thank you Kathy

Doug Dietrich - October 15, 2016 at 07:52 PM

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“ *Ty-Lynne & Steve and family..we send our heartfelt sympathy to you all on the passing of your Dad...treasure the memories..and remember there is one extra bright star shining down on you You are all in our thoughts and prayers..Hugs from your Canadian cousins Emmett & Donna*

Emmett & Donna Bauer - October 10, 2016 at 11:09 PM

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“ *Martin taught me a lot in my banking days---he gave the best personal customer service and instilled in all of us the traits of being fair, honest and friendly. I am forever grateful for his support over the years we worked together.*

He is smiling down on his family today and is proud of each and every one of you.

*Hugs and Prayers
Audrey and Don Olmscheid*

Audrey - October 10, 2016 at 09:21 PM