

Richard Pudwill was born on February 5, 1927, in Emmons County, North Dakota, to John Pudwill Jr. and Pauline (Berreth) Pudwill. He grew up in the Hague area, near Herreid, on his folk's farm. From 1945 - 1950, Dick worked as a lineman for Northwest Line Builders in Baker, Montana. He enlisted in the U.S. Army in November 1950 in Sioux Falls, SD, and achieved the rank of Private First Class before being honorably discharged in November 1952. During his military service, he was assigned to B Battery, 18th Field Artillery Battalion, stationed in Germany. Following his military service, he worked at Montana Dakota Utilities in Mobridge and later relocated to Selby to work for CamWal Electric. He began his career at CamWal in 1961 as a lineman. In 1962 he was promoted to line foreman and in 1989 he was promoted to line superintendent and remained in that position until his retirement in 1997.

In 2021, Dick was honored by the American Legion Post 100, Selby, for 60-years of membership.

Dick married Phylliss Gross on June 28, 1956, in Gettysburg. The couple welcomed their first child, Richard Darcy, on July 11, 1958, and their second child, Gregory, on September 15, 1959.

He enjoyed watching his boys play sports while they were growing up in Selby, but he most enjoyed spending time with the love of his life, his wife Phylliss. They created a beautiful home together in Selby and planted a multitude of trees, bushes and a garden. They spent many days working in the yard and evenings relaxing on the back patio.

It was well known that Dick had an insatiable sweet tooth. Needless to say, one of the treats he and Phylliss most looked forward to was a hot fudge sundae from Mr. Bob's. Coincidentally, their first home in Selby was directly behind the drive-in.

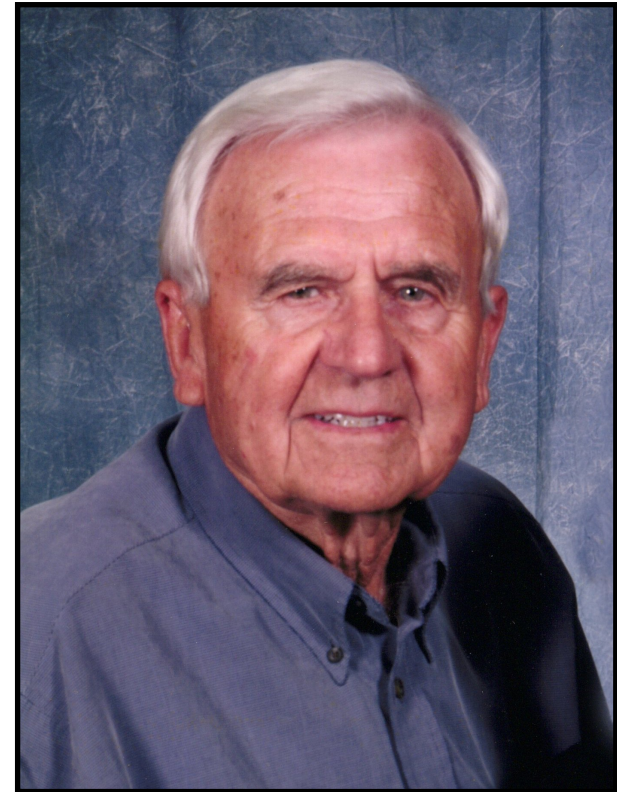
Dick and Phylliss celebrated their 69th wedding anniversary on June 28, 2025. Those who knew them regarded their marriage and life together as a beautiful and loving gift from God. They were each other's best friend, and they were rarely seen apart. Second only to Phylliss and his sons, Dick was dedicated to son Darcy's dog, Jack, and then to his own dog, "Jacques."

Dick and Phylliss were active members of St. Anthony's Catholic Church in Selby. They traveled all around South Dakota to watch their boys play sports and to visit family, and also internationally, including Germany and France, to visit their sons.

Dick is survived by his son, Greg of Selby, brothers, John C. "Buddy" of Herreid, and Kenneth (Margie) of Sioux Falls, and numerous nieces and nephews.

In addition to his wife, Phylliss, he is preceded in death by his parents, John and Pauline, son, Richard Darcy, brothers, Fred, Marion and Donald "Boots", sisters, Tody, Virginia, Betty and Grace, and his faithful companions and best buddies, Jack and Jacques.

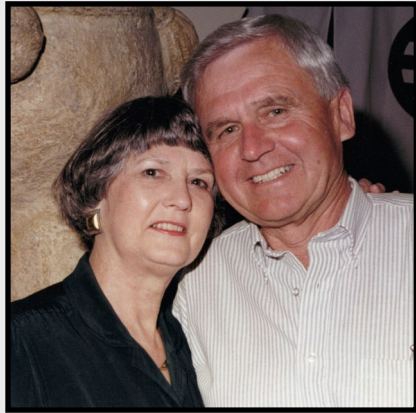
In Loving Memory Of



Richard Pudwill

1927 - 2026





I Did Not Die

Do not stand at my grave and weep;
I am not there, I do not sleep.
I am a thousand winds that blow.
I am the diamond glints on snow.
I am the sunlight on ripened grain.
I am the gentle autumn rain.

When you awaken in the morning's hush
I am the swift uplifting rush
Of quiet birds in circled flight.
I am the soft stars that shine at night.
Do not stand at my grave and cry;
I am not there, I did not die.

- Anonymous

IN LOVING MEMORY OF Richard Pudwill

99 years ~ 1 months ~ 3 days

BORN

*February 5, 1927
Emmons County, ND*

PASSED AWAY

*March 8, 2026
Selby, SD*

MASS OF CHRISTIAN BURIAL

*10:00 am, Saturday, March 14, 2026
St. Anthony's Catholic Church
Selby, South Dakota*

CLERGY

Father Mark Axtmann

ORGANIST

Deb Dumdie

LECTOR

Deb Geary

READINGS

Wisdom 3: 1-9 ~ Psalm 23 ~ Romans 6: 3-9 ~ John 6: 37-40

CONGREGATIONAL HYMNS

*"Amazing Grace" ~ "Only A Shadow" ~ "Rain Down"
"Battle Hymn of The Republic" ~ "Song of Farewell"*

CASKETBEARERS

*Stacy Pudwill ~ Laura Gross ~ Brad Gross
Clay Gross ~ Scott Pudwill ~ Dalton Gray*

USHER

Mike Rausch

HONORARY CASKETBEARERS

All of Richard's Family & Friends

MILITARY HONORS

Frederick Schauer Selby American Legion Post #100

INTERMENT

*Selby Memorial Gardens
Selby, South Dakota*

Arrangements Entrusted to Kesling Funeral Home, Mobridge, South Dakota.