

Richard "Dick" J. Hadlock was born January 22, 1931, in Simsbury, Connecticut, the son of Erwin and Althea (Parsons) Hadlock. He came to South Dakota in 1948 with his parents and younger brother, Raymond. Dick was educated in Massachusetts and received his GED in SD.

On September 15, 1956, he married the love of his life, Gailia Wenzel, in Custer SD. To this union two children were born, Michael Ray and Melody Kay.

How Dick treasured and loved his family!

Dick joined the US Air Force in 1951-1955. He was stationed two and a half years at Tachikawa AFB in Japan, during the Korean War; he served as first cook with 14 members on his shift. He also worked at the Bavarian as prep cook. Following that he worked a number of years in the lumber industry in Custer, SD, for Linde's & Custer Lumber.

He enjoyed fishing, hunting, dancing with his bride, and country music topped his chart! His hobbies were guitar, photography, hunting agates, and bee keeping. His joy was producing comb honey; his best customers were senior citizens!

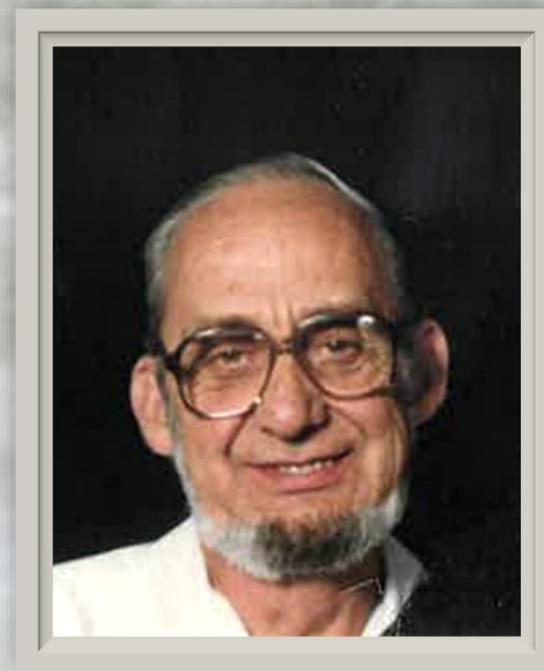
Dick is survived by his wife of 65 years, Gailia; son Michael (Cindy); daughter, Melody (Padraic) O'Neil; ex-daughter-in-law, Teresa Hadlock; granddaughter, Ashley (Tiffany) O'Neil; two grandsons, Joshua (Natalie) O'Neil, and John (Amanda) O'Neil. He has six great granddaughters, four great grandsons, and another grandbaby on the way. There are also three step-grandsons; one brother, Raymond; sister-in-law, Grace Hadlock; and a host of nieces, nephews, and friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents; two brothers, Erwin and Floyd Hadlock; one sister and brother-in-law, Lucille (Adrian) Gould; sister-in-law, Mary Hadlock; and daughter-in-law, Shirley Hadlock.

Condolences may be sent to the family at www.kinkadefunerals.com.

*The family invites you to fellowship and a meal at the Custer VFW,
721 Mt. Rushmore Rd, Custer, SD, following the burial.
Thank you for your presence and condolences.*

In Loving Memory Of *Richard "Dick" J. Hadlock* *January 22, 1931 ~ December 2, 2021*



John 3:16

*"For God so loved the world,
that he gave his only begotten
Son, that whosoever believeth
in him should not perish, but
have everlasting life."*

Epitaph

When I die, give what's left of me away to children

And old men that wait to die.

And if you need to cry, cry for your brother

Walking the street beside you.

And when you need me, put your arms around anyone

And give them what you need to give to me.

I want to leave you something, something better than words or sounds.

Look for me in the people I've known or loved,

And if you cannot give me away, at least let me live on in your eyes

And not your mind.

*You can love me most by letting hands touch hands, by letting bodies
touch bodies,*

And by letting go of children that need to be free.

Love doesn't die, people do.

So, when all that's left of me is love, give me away.

Merrit Malloy

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Born

January 22, 1931
Simsbury, Connecticut

Died

December 2, 2021
Fort Meade, South Dakota

Graveside Services

Saturday, May 14, 2022, 11:00 a.m.
Custer City Cemetery
Custer, South Dakota

Officiant

Pastor Padraic O'Neil

Musical Selections

"Amazing Grace"
"Go Rest High On That Mountain"

Urnbearers

Michael Hadlock

Military Honors

Ellsworth AFB Honor Guard
Custer Veterans Honor Guard

Final Resting Place

Custer Cemetery
Custer, South Dakota