

Charles was born in Kimball SD on August, 22, 1929 to Lee and Eunice (LaVoy) Houska. He moved with his parents to Pukwana in 1933. He attended Pukwana Public Schools for 12 years, graduating in 1947. He was a proud Pukwana Wildcat Alumni.

He went to work for the Milwaukee Railroad in July 1945 at 15 years of age and was employed by them until 1982. He was employed by the Burlington Northern Railroad from 1982 until 1991 when he retired. He worked at 15 different locations. Iowa, Minnesota, North Dakota and South Dakota during his 46 year career.

He served in the U.S. Army from August 1951 until October 1953 as a Lt. in the Transportation Corp.

He was married to Mary Ann Byrd of Murdo on Sept. 3rd 1954. To this union of marriage, five children were born.

They lived in Murdo, Marion, Presho, Chamberlain, Hettinger ND, and retiring back to Chamberlain in 1993.

Charles passed away on November 19, 2021 at Sanford Care Center in Chamberlain. He was preceded in death by his wife, his parents, three sisters and an infant daughter, Diedre Christine.

He is survived by a son, Steven (Kathy) of Shepherd MT, a daughter Susan of Billings MT, a daughter Sally (Ron) Madison of Chamberlain, and a son David (Sue) of Dell Rapids SD; 15 Grandchildren, 23 Great Grandchildren and many Nieces and Nephews. All of whom he loved!!

HIS FAMILY WAS HIS LIFE!

In Loving Memory of
Charles C. Houska

August 22, 1929 – November 19, 2021

Scripture/Rosary Service

*St. James Catholic Church, Chamberlain, SD
6:00 p.m., Monday, November 22, 2021*

Funeral Service

*St. James Catholic Church, Chamberlain, SD
10:00 a.m., Tuesday, November 23, 2021*

Officiating

Father Bill Hamak Deacon Maurice Barrett

Music

Linda Potter – Organist St. James Choir

Casketbearers

*Cody Houska Jordan Houska Sam Houska
Jeff Hieb Joe Hieb Brian Madison
Dalton Houska Cory Peterson*

Honorary Bearers

Charles' Granddaughters

Military Graveside Rites By

*American Legion Potter Post No. 3
VFW Post No. 6436
Chamberlain, SD*

Interment

St. Anthony's Catholic Cemetery, Pukwana, SD

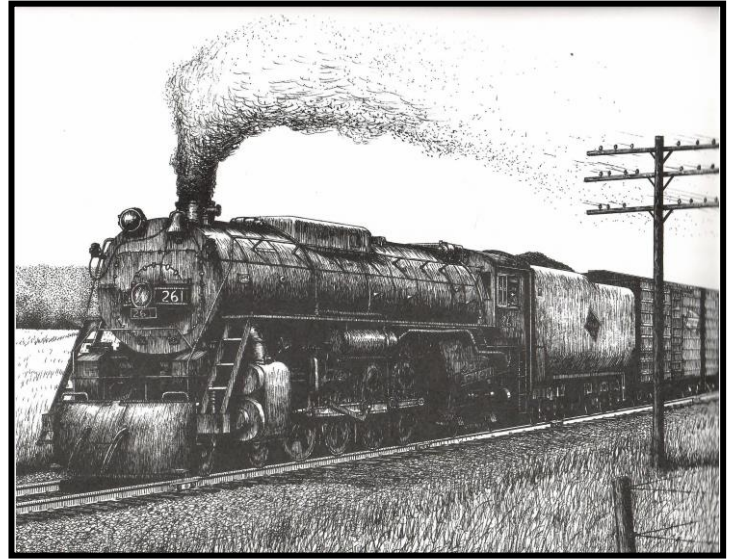
*The family invites everyone for lunch & fellowship
back in the church community center following the
committal services.*

*When I come to the end of the road
And the sun has set for me
I want no rites in a gloom filled room
Why cry for a soul set free?*

*Miss me a little – but not too long
And not with your head bowed low
Remember the love that we once shared
Miss me – but let me go.*

*For the journey that we all must take
And each must go alone
It's all a part of the Master's plan
A step on the road to home.*

*When you are lonely or sick of heart
Go to the friends we know
And bury you sorrow in doing good deeds
Miss me – but let me go.*



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