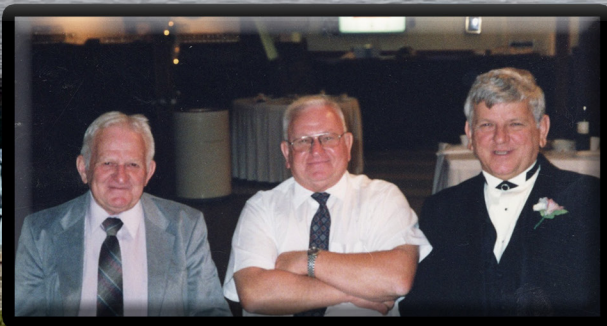


*Pete* was born June 29, 1937, to Frank L. and Pauline (Sykora) Kostelecky in Dickinson, ND. He grew up in Dickinson attending St. Patrick and St. Wenceslaus Catholic grade schools, Dickinson High School and graduated from Dickinson State University with a bachelor's degree in education. Pete was a dedicated altar server at St. Wenceslaus Parish during his grade school and high school years. He played basketball for St. Wenceslaus Saints in grade school. While attending Dickinson High School he was a member of the basketball, football and wrestling teams, as well as a member of the Western division "All State Team". Pete played football while attending Dickinson State University. He was Charter member of DSU Wrestling Program in 1958 and Member of DSU Wrestling Hall of Fame (1960-63). In 1961 he was football captain and named the NDIAC "All Conference Guard. Pete was on the DSC wrestling team from 1958-1962 and was the wrestling Co-Captain in 1962. Pete was drafted into the military, serving in the US Army 5th Division, Company "E" from August 19, 1962 until he was honorably discharged on July 1, 1964. He spent 10 months in Germany while serving his country. Pete began his teaching and coaching career in Mohall, ND from 1964-1966. He then taught and coached football and wrestling in Turtle Lake, ND from 1966-1969, and in Carrington, ND from 1969-1979. In 1979 Pete moved back to his hometown of Dickinson and took a position as Director of Safety & Human Relations for Fisher Industries until his retirement in 1999. After retirement, Pete worked for Stark County in the Weed Control Division. He was acquainted with many Stark County farmers, and enjoyed listening to stories about their families dating back several generations. Pete served as a member of the North Dakota Workers Compensation Board and the Workers Compensation Advisory Council. He was a member of the North Dakota Safety Council as well as the North Dakota and National Education Associations. Sports were the highlight of Pete's life. He was a referee for many years in high school basketball across the western part of the state. He enjoyed attending local high school and college basketball and football games. He followed college sports and attended several Final Four tournaments over the years. Pete took great pride in the Stark County Veterans Memorial where he has a bench honoring not only his personal military service, but also that of his older brother Edwin A. Kostelecky who served in the US Navy. Both Pete and Ed were

proud to serve their country. Pete was a man of many talents. He built a beautiful brick home, most of it by himself, and lived there for 40 years. In 2020, he made his home at Edgewood Hawks Point. Pete was preceded in death by his parents Frank and Pauline (Sykora) Kostelecky, brother, Edwin A. Kostelecky, sister, Mary Rhode, brother-in-laws, Dave Thompson, Robert Rhode, Delbert Gottsacker, sister-in-law Pat Kostelecky; and nephews Tim Kostelecky and Randy Jablonsky. He is survived by his brother, Don Kostelecky, Battlelake, MN, sisters; Bette Gottsacker, Gervais, OR; Rosemary Jablonsky (Don), Haslet, TX; Fran Thompson, (Bob Ober), Valencia, PA and 17 nieces and nephews.

# Peter Kostelecky

June 29, 1937 — April 17, 2025



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## FUNERAL MASS

Wednesday, May 7, 2025 10:00 am  
St. Wenceslaus Catholic Church  
Dickinson, North Dakota

## ROSARY & VIGIL

Tuesday, May 6, 2025 6:00 pm  
Stevenson Funeral Home  
Dickinson, North Dakota  
Deacon Bob Zent

## CELEBRATING

Father Robert Shea

## MUSIC

Priscilla Keogh & Charlotte Hondl

## READERS

Terri Richards & Jennifer Jablonsky

## GIFT BEARERS

Fran Thompson, Bette Gottsacker,  
& Don Kostelecky

## PALLBEARERS

Rick Jablonsky      Ryan Jablonsky  
Paul Kostelecky      Rod Jablonsky  
Colin Richards

## INTERMENT

North Dakota Veterans Cemetery  
Tuesday, May 6, 2025 3:00 pm CT  
Mandan, North Dakota  
Military Honors: Mandan Honor Guard  
Monsignor Gene Lindemann

## ARRANGEMENTS BY

Stevenson Funeral Home  
Dickinson, North Dakota

*A meal will be served in the fellowship room  
following the rosary & vigil service.  
Everyone is welcome.*

## In Loving Memory of Pete

A heart so full, a life well-lived,  
With strength and kindness, he freely gave.  
In fields of sport, he stood with pride,  
A coach, a ref, a faithful guide.

He served with honor, bold and true,  
In duty's call, his courage grew.  
A builder, mentor, leader, friend—  
His quiet love would never end.

In every town, he made his own.  
He cheered the games, he built his home  
With hands that worked, and heart that cared,  
A legacy beyond compare.

Now may he rest, his journey done,  
His race well run, his battles won.

