



South Dakota Legislature

*Legislative
Memorial Service*

January 19, 2017

JOINT MEMORIAL SERVICE

Thursday, January 19, 2017 3:00 p.m. (CT)

House Chamber

Opening Remarks	Representative Stevens
Opening Prayer	Representative Bartling
Joint Memorial Resolution	Representative Turbiville
"Here, Take This Lovely Flower" - Frank Ticheli	*Pierre Riggs High School Chamber Choir
Reading of the Names for Placing of the Roses	Senator Cammack


<i>Ervin H. Bader</i>	<i>Edmunds County</i>	<i>House, 1955-1960</i>
<i>Roland A. Chicoine</i>	<i>Union County</i>	<i>House, 1981-1986; 1993-2000</i> <i>Senate, 1987-1992</i>
<i>Robert Danny "Dan" Dryden</i>	<i>Pennington County</i>	<i>House, 2011-2016</i>
<i>James Bernard "Jim" Dunn</i>	<i>Lawrence County</i>	<i>House, 1971-1972</i> <i>Senate, 1973-2000</i>
<i>Robert "Bob" Duxbury</i>	<i>Hand County</i>	<i>Senate, 1981-1982; 1999-2004</i> <i>House, 1985-1998</i>
<i>Elaine Elliott</i>	<i>Brown County</i>	<i>House, 2009-2012</i>
<i>Lowdon Heller</i>	<i>Tripp County</i>	<i>House, 1957-1960</i>
<i>William J. "Bill" Johnson</i>	<i>Harding & Buffalo Counties</i>	<i>Senate, 1989-1998</i>
<i>Jacob "Jake" Krull</i>	<i>Codington County</i>	<i>Senate, 1973-1982</i>
<i>Mary McClure Bibby</i>	<i>Spink County</i>	<i>Senate, 1975-1989</i>
<i>Glen A. McVay</i>	<i>Lincoln County</i>	<i>House, 1985-1986</i>
<i>Dean O. Mehlhaff</i>	<i>McPherson County</i>	<i>House, 1967-1976</i>
<i>William "Bill" Meyers</i>	<i>Tripp County</i>	<i>House, 1961-1962</i>
<i>Robert "Bob" Roe</i>	<i>Brookings County</i>	<i>House, 1989-2000</i>
<i>Bob Duane Sivertson</i>	<i>Minnehaha County</i>	<i>House, 1971-1976</i>
<i>Richard "Dick" Waddell</i>	<i>Dewey County</i>	<i>Senate, 1983-1990</i>

Prayer of Reflection	Representative Soli
"Friend, Pass Softly" - Matthew Emery	*Pierre Riggs High School Chamber Choir
Benediction	Senator Jensen
Closing Remarks	Senator Frerichs

*Pierre Riggs High School Students directed by Mr. Rodd Bauck, Vocal Director.

Joint Select Committee

Senator Cammack, Senator Jensen, Senator Frerichs,
Representative Stevens, Representative Turbiville, Representative Bartling, and Representative Soli

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Family members are cordially invited to a reception hosted by the Capitol Club following the Legislative Memorial Service.

The reception will be held in the
Speaker's Lobby
(behind the House Chamber).

NOTE: The following biographical information has been extrapolated from the South Dakota Legislative Manual ("Blue Book") (various editions), various legislative documents and obituary information.

WHEREAS, the Great Ruler of the Universe has ordered a final adjournment in the lives of sixteen former members of the South Dakota Legislature, namely: The Honorable Ervin H. Bader; the Honorable Roland A. Chicoine; the Honorable Dan Dryden; the Honorable James B. "Jim" Dunn; the Honorable Robert Duxbury; the Honorable Elaine Elliott; the Honorable Lowdon Heller; the Honorable William J. "Bill" Johnson; the Honorable Jacob J. "Jake" Krull; the Honorable Mary McClure Bibby; the Honorable Glen McVay; the Honorable Dean O. Mehlhaff; the Honorable William "Bill" Meyers; the Honorable Robert "Bob" Roe; the Honorable Bob Sivertson; and the Honorable Richard "Dick" Waddell; and

WHEREAS, in the lives of all these eminent public servants there was noted a profound urgency in an unselfish manner, with trials and vicissitudes often far outweighing honors, but with a consciousness that here in a land of freedom the dignity of the individual is supreme, that justice must be dispensed, and that only by eternal vigilance and unrelenting effort can self-government of a people be preserved; and

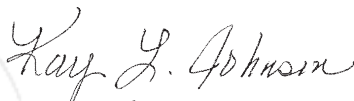
WHEREAS, it is fitting that we humbly honor the memory of those who have thus contributed to the orderly process of government under the Constitution:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Senate and the House of Representatives of the Ninety-second Session of the Legislature of the State of South Dakota duly convened in recess session in recognition of the useful lives and unfailing devotion to the interests of the State of South Dakota, as well as the rectitude of thought and action and fidelity to the highest principles of American citizenship by these honorable people, that the Senate and the House of Representatives do now pause in their labors out of respect for the memory of their late fellow associates in the functions of government, and note that in their passing, the state they have served so well has suffered a distinct loss, and though their labors have ceased and they have been laid to rest, the people of this great state have benefited greatly from the services rendered by them and they have left upon the sands of time an inspiring record of devotion to their fellow citizens under the guiding hand of Almighty God; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this Resolution be printed in the Journals of the Senate and the House of Representatives of the Ninety-second Session of the Legislature of the State of South Dakota, now assembled this 19th day of January, 2017, at Pierre, South Dakota.



Matt Michels
President of the Senate



Kay L. Johnson
Secretary of the Senate



G. Mark Mickelson
Speaker of the House



Arlene Kvislen
Chief Clerk of the House



Ervin H. Bader

5/25/1920 - 12/25/2016

Married to Adeline Spitzer (dec.)

Father to John

Ervin Bader was born May 25, 1920, in Java, South Dakota. His family moved to Bowdle, South Dakota in 1929, where he attended school and graduated with honors in 1938.

On October 5, 1941, he married Adeline Spitzer at St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Roscoe, South Dakota. In 1941 he was employed with Montgomery Ward in Deadwood, South Dakota and in 1942, he was transferred to Belle Fourche, South Dakota as Assistant Manager. In 1942, he entered the U.S. Army where he served four years as training instructor and supply sergeant. He was honorably discharged in 1946. After his discharge they moved to Roscoe, South Dakota, where Ervin owned the John Deere Dealership with his partner, Erwin Spitzer from 1947-1962.

Ervin was elected to the House of Representatives in 1955. He was appointed ambassador to the SD Diplomatic Corps by the Governor of South Dakota. He was named Rural Carrier in January of 1963. He made several trips to Washington, DC to contact Congressional delegations, seeking funds for the Web Water Project and also seeking support for "FAIR" (Funds Available for Independent Retirement) for federal employees. He retired from the Postal Service in 1983, and moved to Aberdeen, South Dakota in 1984. In his semi-retirement he worked as a claims adjuster for Dawson Hail Insurance Company from 1990-1999.

Ervin was involved in many church and community affairs in Roscoe, South Dakota. He was elected mayor several times and a past officer of the Roscoe American Legion. He served on the advisory board to the Business Division of Northern State College in Aberdeen, South Dakota and completed courses in real estate, business and economics. He was an original member of the founders of the Prairie State Life Insurance Company of Rapid City and was one of the original municipal directors of the Web Rural Water System. Ervin was a member of the Rural Carriers Association and held many district, area and state offices.

He was a member of Trinity Lutheran Church in Aberdeen, South Dakota.

House of Representatives (D)

1955-1960

Edmunds County



Roland A. Chicoine

12/10/1922 - 5/19/2016

Married to Evelyn Lyle (dec.)

Father to Jeffrey, David, Marcia, Dan, Tim, Brian, Ellen, Nicole

Roland Chicoine was born in rural Jefferson, South Dakota. He graduated from Jefferson High School and attended South Dakota State University on track and 4-H scholarships until the war interrupted his education.

Roland married Evelyn Lyle on June 18, 1945. They farmed between Elk Point, South Dakota and Jefferson, South Dakota, and they were active in service to their communities and church. In 1987, the Roland Chicoine family was recognized as the South Dakota State University Family of the Year for their dedication to higher education and SDSU.

Roland was a farm leader in his community and was active in the livestock and crop improvement associations. He organized the South Dakota Irrigators Association serving as the first state president and lobbied for the SDIA at the State Capitol. He was president of the Farm Advisory Board for the Omaha Federal Land Bank. In addition, he was Chairman of the South Dakota Water Congress and a Director of the Union County Farmers Home Administration. He helped organize the local Lions Club and was a founding member of the Elk Point Country Club and golf course. He was honored as an Eminent Farmer by SDSU in 1998, and was a 4-H leader for thirty-five years. Roland was a life-long member of St. Peters Catholic Church in Jefferson, South Dakota and was one of the charter members of the local Knights of Columbus chapter.

Roland served in the South Dakota State Legislature for twenty years from 1980 to 2000, serving on the Appropriations Committee for many of those years. He helped establish the Tri-State Legislators Conference as a forum for South Dakota, Iowa, and Nebraska legislators to solve Siouxland area problems.

House of Representatives (D) | Senate (D)

1981-1986; 1993 - 2000 | 1987 - 1992

Union County



Robert Danny "Dan" Dryden

7/12/1944 - 8/30/2016

Married to Judy Boydston
Father to Jaye and Lesley

Dan Dryden was born in Hot Springs, South Dakota, and grew up helping on the family ranch in Oelrichs, South Dakota, driving the tractor at an early age. He graduated from Oelrichs High School and was involved in athletics. Dan graduated from Black Hills State University and received his Master's Degree from South Dakota State University.

In a press release Governor Dugaard said about Dan, "He was committed to sound financial management and was an expert in school finance."

Dan was very passionate about his work with the state legislature and had a significant impact on the state and county, earning the respect of those he worked with. He was a passionate fan of all the university's sports programs and was looking forward to taking friends to the new football stadium at SDSU.

*House of Representatives (R)
2011-2016
Pennington County*



James Bernard *"Jim" Dunn*

6/27/1927 - 8/11/2016

Married to Elizabeth "Betty" Lanham
Father to Sue, Tom, Mary Beth, Kathy

Jim Dunn was born in Lead, South Dakota, attended St. Patrick's Grade School and graduated from Lead High School in 1945. He enlisted in the U.S. Army where he tested military communications equipment in winter conditions for eventual use in the Korean conflict. After his discharge he returned to his hometown of Lead, South Dakota and began a thirty-eight-year career with Homestake Mining Company as a machinist, heavy equipment and diesel engine mechanic. Jim worked concurrently in Homestake's Public Affairs as a lobbyist, representing Homestake's interests in the South Dakota Legislature from 1963-1970. After getting a business administration/economics degree at Black Hills State College in 1962, he was promoted to Assistant Director of Public Affairs from 1962-1978 and was then named to Director of Public Affairs where he remained until his retirement in 1985. Jim was Associate Editor of Homestake's "Sharp Bits" publication and was principle photographer and print maker for Homestake photographs that were used in print, magazine, and television news. He also contributed to several publications, and television/movies and numerous other ventures.

In 1970, Jim was tapped to run for the House of Representatives from Lawrence County (District 26, 31) on the Republican ticket. After one two-year term (1971-1972) in the House of Representatives and then began an unbroken twenty-eight-year incumbency in the Senate. He was a long-standing member of the Senate Agriculture and Natural Resources Committee, serving as Chair for twenty years. Other committee appointments included: State Affairs (Vice Chair), Tax Committee (member), and Health and Welfare (Chair and Vice Chair). He served as Assistant Majority Leader. He was also active at the national level through his work with Council of State Governments (CSG) and the National Council of State Legislatures (NCSL). Jim received many honors and awards in his lifetime including induction into the South Dakota Hall of Fame in 2002.

Jim and Elizabeth "Betty" Lanham were married September 1955. When Betty passed away in April of 2015, they had been married nearly sixty years.

House of Representatives (R) | Senate (R)
1971-1972 | 1973-2000
Lawrence County



Robert "Bob" Duxbury

3/14/1934 - 6/6/2016

Married to Rose Ann Radcliff
Father to Neil, Kathy, Dean, Dale, Brian

Bob Duxbury was born at the Duxbury homestead in Rose Hill Township, South Dakota. Bob received a college scholarship for livestock judging for Hand County 4-H. He earned a degree from SDSU and went on to teach classes, research fly control and coach the livestock judging team at his alma mater.

Through the years, Bob held titles as South Dakota State Fair Board Chairman, the South Dakota Secretary of Agriculture, and served in both bodies of the South Dakota Legislature

Bob married Rose Ann Radcliff on July 5, 1953. They were married for nearly sixty-three years.

Bob was inducted into the South Dakota Hall of Fame, received the SDSU Eminent Farmer award, and was a Heartland Saddle recipient. He was involved with the Presbyterian church in Wessington, South Dakota, and Farm Bureau and Farmers Union.

House of Representatives (D) | Senate (D)
1985-1998 | 1981-1982; 1999-2004
Hand County



Elaine Elliott

7/11/1945 - 9/26/2016

Married to Burt Elliott

Mother to Shad

Elaine May was born in Stickney, South Dakota, and attended country school and Stickney High school. She earned a two-year Teaching Degree from Northern State Teachers College in 1964. Her first teaching job was at Garfield Elementary School in Sioux Falls, South Dakota. Elaine returned to Northern State College and received her four-year Bachelor of Science Degree and her Master's Degree in Elementary Education.

Elaine married Burt Elliott on July 7, 1979. They made their home in Aberdeen, South Dakota. She retired after more than thirty years of teaching and was one of the founders of "South Dakota Reads". For six years she and a friend traveled around the state teaching various workshops to give teachers ideas on how to teach reading and poetry.

Elaine was a member of Bethlehem Lutheran Church. She also was a member of Delta Kappa Gamma, the SDEA-NEA, and the South Dakota Retired Teachers Association.

Elaine was elected to the South Dakota State Legislature in 2008 and was re-elected in 2010, but was unable to finish her second term due to declining health.

House of Representatives (D)

2009-2012

Brown County



Lowdon Heller

2/24/1924 - 5/28/2016

Lowdon Heller was born at Ideal, South Dakota. He started school at four years of age and attended East Star Valley, a one-room school. He continued his education in Ideal, South Dakota where he excelled in journalism and public speaking. He was attending SDSU when World War II broke out.

Lowdon enlisted in the Army Air Corp in 1944. He learned to fly his father's Aronka airplane, which proved to be useful when he served as a gunner on a B24 in the European Theatre. He was awarded the Air Medal. When the war ended, Lowdon got his degree and began his teaching career in Winner, South Dakota and Witten, South Dakota and was the principal at Spring Creek, South Dakota. He also taught at Kyle, South Dakota and Lead/Deadwood, South Dakota. While teaching he owned and operated the Shannon County News and directed at the Black Hills Playhouse.

In 1957, Lowdon was elected to the South Dakota State Legislature. He served on the Transportation Committee, introducing laws concerning roads and the state airplane. During his political career, he was a delegate to the Presidential Convention in Miami supporting his good friend George McGovern.

He returned to his beloved Tripp County and "wore many hats", sometimes three at a time. Tripp County Rockhounds, Weed Board, Township Board, VFW, American Legion, Sunday School Secretary, Tripp County and South Dakota Historical Society, and Tripp County Democrats were part of his life.

House of Representatives (D)

1957-1960

Tripp County



William J. "Bill" *Johnson*

2/20/1930 - 11/21/2016

Married to Elma Coffield (dec.); Mariagnes Caron
Father to Robert, Susan, Ross, Mary

Bill Johnson was born February 20, 1930, in Bowman, North Dakota. He grew up on the family ranch in the South Cave Hills in Harding County. Bill graduated from Buffalo High School and served in the United States Air Force at Sam Houston Air Force Base.

Bill married Elma Coffield on September 22, 1949, they made their home on a ranch in the South Cave Hills of Harding County. Elma passed away in 1995. Bill married Mariagnes Caron in 1996.

Bill served on the local school board, was a Harding County Commissioner for sixteen-years, a state lobbyist for the South Dakota Association of County Commissioners, and a State Senator from 1987-1997. He was a director for Harding and Perkins Farm Mutual Insurance for fifty years, serving as President for many of those years.

After fulfilling his last term in the legislature in 1997, he retired in Spearfish.

Senate (R)

1989-1998

Harding County | Buffalo County



Jacob "Jake" Krull

12/23/1938 - 11/25/2016

Married to Phyllis Skillman

Father to Kevin and Tom

Jake Krull was born December 23, 1938, in Watertown, South Dakota and grew up on a dairy farm South of Watertown, South Dakota. He attended a rural school, graduated from Watertown High School, and graduated from South Dakota State University with a B.S. Degree in Economics. While at SDSU he played basketball and football. Jake was commissioned Second Lieutenant in the Army, and was stationed at Fort Bliss, Texas.

Jake married Phyllis Skillman on February 19, 1961. They were married for fifty-five years.

Jake and his father were in the insurance business in Watertown, South Dakota. In 1984, he was promoted to manager and he and Phyllis moved to Huron, South Dakota. From 1989 to 2001, he served as president of Denver-based NFUIC, turning a financially-stressed company into a consistently profitable one with a AA rating from A.M. Best Company. In 1963, Jake joined the SD National Guard in Watertown. He served for 26 years, retiring as a Brigadier General in 1989.

Jake retired from the Farmers Union in 2001. He remained active in the SDSU Foundation Board and served as the chairman of its Board of Governors. The SDSU Alumni Association awarded Jake its Distinguished Alumnus Award.

Jake was a member of the Prairie Winds Golf Course, Watertown Lions Club, Jaycees, WCRC, and SDSU Athletics. Jake was also a member of the First Congregational United Church of Christ.

Jake was elected to the state Senate from Codington County. He served five two-year terms, retiring as Senate Minority Leader in 1982.

Senate (D)

1973-1982

Codington County



Mary McClure Bibby

4/21/1939 - 7/2/2016

Married to Donald James "Mike" McClure (dec.); John Bibby (dec.)
Mother to Kelly; Stepmother to Mary Jo, Steve, Nathan

Mary Anne Burges was born in Milbank, South Dakota. She graduated from Milbank High School and attended the University of South Dakota, graduating Magna Cum Laude in 1961. She continued her education at the University of Manchester in England on a Fulbright Scholarship. In 1981, through a Bush Leadership Fellowship, she earned a Master's Degree from the Maxwell School at Syracuse University.

Mary married Donald James "Mike" McClure in 1963, and they made their home in Redfield, South Dakota. She was a teacher in Redfield, served on the school board, was a deaconess in the Congregational Church, and belonged to the Easter Seal Society, the Literary Guild, Eastern Star, and PEO.

Mary McClure was elected in 1975 to the South Dakota Senate. She was the first woman President Pro Tempore and served in that capacity from 1979–1989. In 1989, she was named Special Assistant to the President for Intergovernmental Affairs under President George H.W. Bush leading to her resignation from the state senate. Mary McClure also served as a delegate to the National Republican Convention in 1976 and 1992. While in the State Legislature, Mary McClure was active in many national legislative organizations and holds the distinction as the first woman to serve as Chairperson of the Council of State Governments.

Mary McClure's husband, Mike, passed away in 1990, and she married former Senator John Bibby in 1993. They made their home in Brookings, South Dakota.

Senate (R)
1975-1989
Spink County



South Dakota

Glen A. McVay

8/22/1929 - 6/25/2016

Married to Margaret Ronan (dec.) Jeanette Eichacker

Father to Cathy, Pat, Tim, Michael (dec.)

Stepfather to Gin, Linda, Carla, Dan, Daryl

Glen McVay was born in Harrisburg, South Dakota. He graduated from Canton High School in 1947. Glen married Margaret Ronan on December 29, 1948. They farmed on the McVay farm east of Canton, South Dakota for twenty-three years.

Glen served in the South Dakota National Guard from March 27, 1947, to October 31, 1964. He was deployed with his unit to Fort Richardson, Arkansas in 1951-52, during the Korean War, and did active duty at Fort Sill, Oklahoma, from 1961-1962. He was awarded the Army Commendation Medal for Meritorious Service. Captain McVay was honorably discharged from the U.S. Army October 31, 1964, and returned to farming full time until moving to Canton, South Dakota, in 1971, and later moving to Sioux Falls, South Dakota.

After fifty-seven years of marriage, Margaret passed away in March 2006. Glen married Jeanette Eichacker in September 2008.

Glen was very active in the Canton community, serving as City Commissioner from 1978-1984. He was a long time member of the St. Chrysostoms and later St. Dominic Catholic Churches in Canton, SD. After moving to Sioux Falls, SD, he was a member of the Holy Spirit Catholic Parish.

House of Representatives (R)

1985-1986

Lincoln County



Dean O. Mehlhaff

6/28/1927 - 4/27/2016

South Dakota

Married to Donna F. Gerhardt (dec.); Donna L. Hatzenbeller-Grote
Father to Frederick, Michael, Bryan, Patrick, Mary, Peter, Paul,
Margaret, Dean, James, Jennifer

Dean Mehlhaff was born in Eureka, South Dakota. He graduated from Eureka High School in 1945 and entered the U.S. Army in 1946. After his honorable discharge, he attended Northern State College. He enjoyed watching and participating in athletics and was an accomplished motorcyclist. Dean also was an award-winning gardener and avid hunter and fisherman.

Dean married Donna F. Gerhardt in Clark, South Dakota in 1948, Donna passed away on December 25, 2000. He married Donna L. Hatzenbeller-Grote in Aberdeen, South Dakota in 2002.

Dean worked at Great Plains Bank in Eureka, South Dakota. He retired as President in 1990 and as Chairman of the Board in 2012.

Dean was State President of the South Dakota Bankers Association and served as Vice Chairman of the South Dakota Banking Commission. He served on additional boards and commissions including serving with Donna L. Mehlhaff as Director of the Catholic Community Foundation for Eastern South Dakota. Dean was also a proud member and past Commander of the American Legion, Fred Weller Post 186.

Dean was elected to the South Dakota Legislature in 1966 where he served as Chairman of the House Commerce Committee. He retired from the Legislature in 1976.

House of Representatives (R)

1967-1976

McPherson County



William "Bill" Meyers

9/13/1926 - 9/9/2016

Married to Evelyn Kuccera (dec.)

Father to Bill

Bill Meyers was born in Colome, South Dakota, and grew up on the family farm in the Colome area and graduated from Colome High School. He enlisted in the United States Navy in 1944 and was honorably discharged in 1946, after serving in the Pacific in WWII.

In 1956 he married Evelyn Kucera. They lived in Gregory, South Dakota until 2010. He spent many early hours at the Gregory golf course.

Bill was an investment broker and retired after thirty years. He was a seventy-year member of the Colome American Legion.

House of Representatives (R)

1961-1962

Tripp County



Robert "Bob" Roe

3/3/1954 - 11/18/2016

Married to Charlotte Thomas
Father to David, Natalie, Michael

Robert "Bob" Roe was born in Hayti, South Dakota, grew up there and graduated from Hayti High School. He attended South Dakota State University, receiving his Economics and Political Science Degrees. He married Charlotte Thomas in 1977.

Bob worked at First National Bank as the Trust Department Head, from 1976-1984. During his time at the bank, he attended National Graduate Trust School at Northwest University in Evanston, Illinois. He worked for Piper Jaffray from 1984 through 2003 and later became an Independent Financial Consultant.

One of Bob's greatest passions came in the form of hunting and preserving the natural pheasant habitat through care and maintenance of his own land. He was an avid supporter of SDSU and enjoyed golf.

Bob served in the House of Representatives and held leadership roles during his service.

House of Representatives (R)
1989-2000
Brookings County



Bob Duane Sivertson

6/17/1925 - 9/13/2016

Married to Donna Glissendorf
Father to Andy and Steve

Bob was born in Sioux Falls, South Dakota, and attended Hawthorne Elementary and Washington High School. At seventeen he left high school to join the Marines. He fought in the Pacific Theatre during World War II and was awarded the Purple Heart for injuries received in Saipan.

Bob returned to Sioux Falls, South Dakota, and began a twenty-seven-year career with the Sioux Falls Fire Department eventually retiring as Captain. During his tenure, he was a leader in the Firefighter and Police Union.

In his younger days, Bob was active in competitive volleyball at the YMCA and softball. He was a lifelong fan of the Minnesota Twins, Timberwolves, and Vikings.

Bob married Donna Glissendorf in 1954.

After retirement Bob took up bicycling, which became his recreation and passion. He logged many miles on his bike as a security guard for Augustana College Campus Safety.

House of Representatives (D)
1971-1976
Minnehaha County



Richard "Dick" Waddell

5/16/1922 - 10/27/2016

Married to Martha Fuhrer
Father to Mary, Marge, Micki

Dick Waddell was born May 16, 1922 near Merriman, Nebraska and graduated from Merriman High School.

Dick enlisted in the United States Air Force and served as a gunner aboard B-24 airplanes. After his military service Dick, his father, and brother bought a ranch north of Isabel, South Dakota, on Firesteel Creek.

He married Martha Fuhrer on July 24, 1948. They were married for sixty-eight years. Dick and Martha ranched until they retired in 1982 and built a home in Isabel, South Dakota.

Dick was a rancher at heart and long-time contributor to his community and church. He was instrumental in starting the Isabel Rodeo, Isabel Development Corporation, and the building of the UCC Church. He was a member of the Shriners, American Legion, served on the Moreau Board, and was involved in real estate for many years.

*Senate (D)
1983-1990
Dewey County*

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www.sd.net

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