

Roland "Bill" Sieh, 89

Roland "Bill" Sieh, 89, Aberdeen and formerly Bath, died Thursday, May 7, 2009 at ManorCare Health Services, Aberdeen.

His Mass of Christian burial was Monday, May 11, 2009 at Sacred Heart Catholic Church, Aberdeen, with the Father Edward Pierce officiating. Burial was in the Groton Union Cemetery, with military honors by the Groton American Legion Post No. 39. Pallbearers were his grandchildren. Schriver's Memorial Mortuary and Crematory, Aberdeen, was in charge of arrangements. Guest book at www.schroversmemorial.com.

Roland W. Sieh was born November 9, 1919 to Charles and Margaret (Wallace) Sieh in Henry Township, near Groton. He went attended to the 8th grade in the one-room school in Henry Township, and then attended Groton High School, graduating in 1937. He continued his education by attending South Dakota State University, Brookings, graduating with a bachelor's degree in agriculture.

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While serving in the U.S. Navy, Bill married Lavohn Herron, February 15, 1943 at Catalina Island, Calif. After his discharge, they settled in Austin, Minn., where Bill was a County Extension Agent for several years. They later moved to Hutchinson, Minn., and raised purebred animals. They moved to the Bath area in 1952 and farmed for more than 50 years. They moved to Aberdeen in 2000, and resided there since.

Bill was a charter member of the Groton American Legion. He was an avid bird watcher and a member of the Aberdeen Bird Club. He was also an active animal conservationist. He was a true artist and enjoyed creating oil paintings. He collected Indian artifacts from all over the United States. Bill and Lavohn enjoyed traveling and traveled to 49 states. During the summer months, they would spend time at their lake cabin, near Detroit Lakes, Minn., and would spend the winter months at their home in Port Aransas, Texas. Bill treasured the time he spent with family and friends.

Survivors are his wife, Lavohn, Aberdeen; five children, Charlotte (John) Dokken, Sartell, Minn.; Thomas (Nancy) Sieh, Katy, Texas; Patrick Sieh, Aberdeen; Connie (Dale) Groop, Frederick, and Julie Sieh (Brent Blumenthal), Belton, Texas; one brother, Gordon Sieh, Aberdeen; 12 grandchildren, John Dokken, Susan Altenburg, William Sieh, Melissa Sieh, Amanda Strickland, Robert Sieh, Angela Phillips, Ellen Arens, Alisha Groop, Katy Groop, Ben Blumenthal and Sam Blumenthal; and 11 great grandchildren.

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