

The Life of Richard Nehls



Memorial services for Richard Nehls, 90, of Pierpont will be 1 p.m., on Friday, January 8 at St. John's Lutheran Church, Groton. The Rev. Craig Grams will officiate. Inurnment with military honors will follow at St. Paul's Lutheran Cemetery, Ferney.

Visitation will begin at the church at 11 a.m. on Friday.

Dick died January 5, 2016 at Sanford Medical Center, Webster.

Richard John Nehls was born on July 11, 1925 in Ferney to John and Stella (Simpson) Nehls. He attended school in Ferney and was drafted into the US Army in 1944. Following his honorable discharge, he returned to South Dakota where he worked as a mechanic. In May of 1986 he was united in marriage with Helen (Seymour) Swanson. Together they made their home in Pierpont and Dick later worked for the city before retirement.

Richard was a member of St. John's Lutheran Church and Groton American Legion Post #39. He enjoyed western books and movies, along with old time country music. Dick also had a woodworking shop, where he created many items for friends and family.

Celebrating his life is his wife, Helen of Bristol, daughter, Karen (Todd) Cleveland of Pierpont, son, Roy Nehls of Las Vegas, Nevada, four step-sons: Dean of Aberdeen, John of Slayter, MN, Lanny of Sioux Falls, Dixon of Parker, a step-daughter Mary of Watertown, his brother, Lester Nehls and sisters, Joyce Bawek of Conde, and Florence Schaller of Phoenix, AZ, 16 grandchildren, 39 great-grandchildren, and 4 great-great grandchildren.

Preceding him in death were his parents, brother, Ralph, and step-son, Kenny.