



Valentine "Tiny" Fercho

June 19, 1934 - May 8, 2021

Valentine "Tiny" Fercho, 86, Fargo formerly of Sibley, ND passed away Saturday, May 8, 2021 in Fargo.

Tiny was born June 19, 1934 in rural Napoleon, ND to Edward and Maggie (Schumacher) Fercho. Tiny farmed with his father on a farmstead north of Edgeley, ND until the age of 18. He enlisted in the US Navy in 1953 and served during the Korean Conflict. He received an honorable discharge from the Navy in 1957.

In 1956, he married Faye Gehlert in Jamestown, ND. Together they had three children. Tiny worked as a heavy equipment operator living in various cities before settling in Edgeley. The family moved to Tower City in 1973 where they purchased a bar and "Tiny's Tavern" was born. He retired from the bar in the early 1980's. He married Carol Finneseth in 1983 and lived in West Fargo, ND.

Tiny spent his last years in Sibley. There he was able to enjoy fishing, gardening and cooking. He also enjoyed spending time with numerous friends there that became like family to him and watched over him in his later years. He was preceded in death by his parents, brothers Willie and Leo Fercho, a sister Marion Veil and an infant grandson Tyler Max Gainsforth.

Tiny is survived by his three children, Doug (Theresa) Fercho, Bismarck, ND, Valerie (Jeff) Gainsforth, Jamestown, ND, and Teri (Larry) Lisburg, West Fargo, ND; seven grandchildren and eleven great grandchildren. Also surviving him are his brothers, Roger Fercho, Valley City, Duane (Deb)

Fercho, Watertown, SD, Donny Fercho, Grafton, ND; and a sister Angie Brown, Sun City West, AZ.

A funeral mass will be held 11 am Wednesday, May 12 at St. Mary's Catholic Church, rural Dazey, ND. Visitation will be 5-7 pm Tuesday at Oliver-Nathan Funeral Chapel, Valley City, ND with a prayer vigil at 7 pm. Burial will be in Fargo National Cemetery, Harwood, ND.

Memorials may be directed to St. Mary's Cemetery Fund or AmVets Post 3, 345 -12th Ave NE, Valley City, ND 58072.

Funeral arrangements have been entrusted to the care of the Oliver-Nathan Funeral Chapel. An online guestbook is available at www.oliver-nathanchapel.com

Cemetery Details

Fargo National Cemetery

8709 40 Avenue N, County Road 20
Harwood, ND 58042

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY 11. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Traditions Funeral Services - Oliver Nathan Funeral Chapel
251 Central Ave. S.
Valley City, ND 58072
(701) 845-2414
o-nchapel@bektel.com

Prayer Service

MAY 11. 7:00 PM (CT)

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Visitation

MAY 12. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

St. Mary's Catholic Church
Dazey, ND

Funeral Mass

MAY 12. 11:00 AM (CT)

St. Mary's Catholic Church
Dazey, ND

Tribute Wall

JN

“ *Our condolences to the family, Tiny always had time to reminis about old times and family. Rest in peace, old friend.*

Jim Nelson - May 12, 2021 at 10:36 AM

TF

Thank you so much.

Teri Fercho-Lisburg - May 13, 2021 at 06:22 PM



“ *43 files added to the album Life Tributes*



Oliver-Nathan Funeral Chapel - May 11, 2021 at 12:32 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Valentine "Tiny" Fercho.*



May 11, 2021 at 09:37 AM

RA

“ Our condolences to Tinys family. I will always cherish the years growing up with the kids and hanging out with the family. May he rest in peace.

RandyKosir - May 10, 2021 at 06:52 PM

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We had some good times in Tiwer City!

Teri Fercho-Lisburg - May 10, 2021 at 10:27 PM



“ Tiny was such a nice guy! My dad was a blade operator and worked on jobs with Tiny. One summer we lived in Belfield ND while they were working on the interstate. I climbed a tree but was scared to come back down, Tiny and Doug Johnson, helped get me down. I knew Carol as well. Sorry for your loss!

Pam Cota - May 10, 2021 at 03:57 PM

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Thanks for sharing your memories of our dad.

Teri Fercho-Lisburg - May 10, 2021 at 10:22 PM

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Thank you for sharing a special memory of our dad.

Teri Fercho-Lisburg - May 10, 2021 at 10:23 PM



You are welcome! I often thought of him and wondered where he was or what he was up to. My dad's name was Leroy Doeden.

Pam Cota - May 12, 2021 at 09:33 AM

DM

“ Met Tiny in 1975 at Tower City. I was on a traveling work crew that was stationed there for awhile. Tiny knew all to well about that life style and run a fun an all to inviting Tavern. We developed a friendship that when we met again over the years it was all to hilarious to share stories of those early years at Tower City. Our deepest sympathies

DeLyle Mortenson - May 10, 2021 at 03:39 PM

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Glad he could make your time in Tower City more enjoyable. He did enjoy his time at his bar.

Teri Fercho-Lisburg - May 10, 2021 at 10:26 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Valentine "Tiny" Fercho.



May 10, 2021 at 12:36 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Valentine "Tiny" Fercho.



May 10, 2021 at 11:23 AM