

## **Douglas Gietzen – BS 1969 Pharmacy**

Douglas L. Gietzen, 78, Mandan, formerly of Minot, passed away on Sunday, August 28, 2022. A memorial service will be held at 11:00 a.m. on Saturday, September 3, 2022, at Parkway Funeral Service, 2330 Tyler Parkway Bismarck. The rosary will be recited, starting at 10:00 am prior the service.

He was born on October 25, 1943, to Walter and Theresa (Skalsky) Gietzen on the family farm near Glen Ullin, ND. He graduated from Glen Ullin High School. He went on to further his education, earning an Associate Degree from NDSCS, Wahpeton and a Bachelor Degree in Biology from Dickinson State College. In 1969, he graduated from the NDSU College of Pharmacy. On August 24, 1968, Doug married Deborah Diederich at St. Johns Church, Wahpeton.

Doug began his professional practice in Minot, North Dakota, working at White Drug and B&B Pharmacy until finally starting with Trinity Hospital Pharmacy in 1974 where he would faithfully devote the remainder of his professional career. He became the Director of Pharmacy at Trinity in 1998. He worked there until retiring in 2007. In 2017, he was the honorary convention dedicant at the ND Pharmacy Convention to recognize his years of service to the profession. He and Debbie moved to Mandan in 2018, where they would attend the grandkids activities ranging from hockey and dance to everything in between. No words can describe how much his grandchildren meant to him. They were his world!

Doug is well known for his sense of humor, big smile, and genuine laugh. He was active in the Hockey Boosters and the Blue Line Club, both in Minot. In his spare time, he liked to cook gourmet meals and was a skilled butcher, having carved many roasts and steaks at the Gietzen family farm. He enjoyed bowling, golfing, and getting his hands dirty in the workshop. He also liked fishing and spotting deer through a scope while observing others trudging through the hostile North Dakota elements. In these last few years, he really enjoyed going to the A7 Ranch, south of Mandan, with his son-in-law, Duncan, where he scoped out deer and spent time outdoors. While in Minot, they were members of St. John's Catholic Church.

He is survived by his wife of 54 years, Debbie, Mandan; four children and nine grandchildren, Shauna (Duncan) Ackerman and their children, Skylar, Quinn, Emerson, Bauer and Cale, Bismarck, Nichole (Dave) Kieffer, and their children Noah and Claire, Blaine, MN, Dana Gietzen, Las Vegas and Derek (DeAnn) Gietzen and their children, Brooke and Kylie, East Grand Forks; siblings, Elaine (Alan) Streitmatter, Polson, MT, Joan (Gary) Weiand, Glen Ullin, Arnold "Mick" (Barb) Gietzen, Dent, MN, Phyllis (Michael) Mackey, Davenport, FL, Maxine Schmautz, West Fargo, Mark (Deb) Gietzen, Bismarck, Keith (Sherri) Gietzen, Glen Ullin and Karen Gietzen, Bismarck; sister-in-law Janice Gietzen, Minot and several nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents, Walter and Theresa Gietzen and his brother, Darrel Gietzen.