

## Roderick "Butch" Fietek

July 21, 1946 - February 24, 2020

Roderick "Butch" Fietek, 73 year old resident of Little Falls, MN passed away Monday, February 24, 2020 at his home in Little Falls, MN as a result of a mechanical accident. A Mass of Christian Burial will be held at 10:30 A.M. on Monday, March 2, 2020, at Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Church in Little Falls, MN with Father Ben Kociemba officiating. Burial will take place in the Minnesota State Veterans Cemetery north of Little Falls, MN. A visitation will be held Sunday, March 1, 2020, from 3:00 P.M. to 7:00 P.M. at the Shelley Funeral Chapel in Little Falls, MN, and from 9:00 A.M. to 10:30 A.M. at the church on Monday. There will be a time of sharing at 7:00 P.M. on Sunday, March 1, 2020 at the Shelley Funeral Chapel in Little Falls, MM. Funeral arrangements are with the Shelley Funeral Chapel in Little Falls.

Roderick (Butch) Fietek was born on July 21, 1946 in Flensburg, MN to the late Mike and Florence (Lapinski) Fietek. He graduated from Little Falls Community High School in 1965. He enlisted into the Army in 1966 and fought in the Vietnam War for nearly 11 months, returning home in 1967. He earned the National Defense Service Medal, the Vietnam Service Medal with the Bronze Service Star, the Vietnam Campaign Medal and a Combat Infantryman Badge. He was united in marriage to Carlene Rose Dreiling on May 8, 1970. After they married, they made their home in Little Falls, MN. Butch enjoyed racing stock cars with his partner, LeRoy Schlumpberger. In 1975, he won the Brainerd Northway Speedway Stock Car Championship. Butch worked construction for a few years before working at Creameries Blending in the fertilizer plant until 1979. Then, he began his 30 year career at the Morrison County Public Works, proudly plowing snow in the winter; retiring in 2008. His passion for work led to his "retired employment" at Sea View Farms where he planted and harvested potatoes with great joy. Butch was the current supervisor for Greene Prairie Township, and had been since 1987. Butch was also a member of the Flensburg American Legion for the past 54 years.

Butch loved his big garden where he grew hundreds of calla lilies each year. He proudly delivered the calla lilies to the gals at the local banks, courthouse and to each of the funeral homes. He loved the outdoors and was an avid hunter and fisherman. He

treasured his yearly trip to Wyoming to the ranch to hunt. He loved spending the summer months with Carlene at their cabin in Canada where they welcomed family and friends each summer. He was known to make frequent trips to the casinos and enjoyed playing Bingo. Most importantly, Butch cherished the time he spent with his family and was extremely proud of his 3 grandchildren; always telling stories about them to others.

Butch is survived by loving wife of 49 years, Carlene Fietek; son, Troy (Melinda) Fietek of Little Falls, MN; daughter, Toni (Cody) Kathrein of Little Falls, MN; grandchildren, Meghan, Maizee and Marshall Kathrein; brother, Mike (Marlene) Fietek of Cheney, WA; sisters, Marion (Donald) Lapos of Flensburg, MN; Evie Komarek of St. Paul, MN; Judie (Don) Holz of St. Cloud, MN; and grand-dogs, Jake, Cooper, and Echo.

Butch was preceded in death by his parents, Mike and Florence Fietek; sister, Lorraine Fafara; brothers-in-law, Walter Fafara and Jim Dreiling; mother and father-in-law, Carl and Eileen Dreiling and many other relatives.

## **Events**

#### Minnesota State Veterans Cemetery MAR

15550 Highway 115 Little Falls, MN,

Visitation 03:00PM - 07:00PM

1

Shelley Funeral Chapel 214 2nd Street SE, Little Falls, MN, US

#### MAR

Visitation

09:00AM - 10:30AM

2

Our Lady Of Lourdes Catholic Church 208 West Broadway, Little Falls, MN, US

### MAR

**Mass of Christian Burial** 

10:30AM

2

Our Lady Of Lourdes Catholic Church 208 West Broadway, Little Falls, MN, US

# Comments



66 A tribute video has been added.



Shelley Funeral Chapel - February 27, 2020 at 10:04 AM



66 Such beautiful memories to cherish.

Peggy Parins - February 27, 2020 at 02:24 PM



Such a beautiful tribute .... Memories to last forever

Joan Desserre Turecki - February 28, 2020 at 11:39 AM



Such a beautiful tribute for a life well lived.

Valerie - March 01, 2020 at 10:28 AM



66 It's been over 40 years since I've last seen Butch. The smile in his eyes and on his face have not faded.

Lisa White - March 05, 2020 at 06:44 PM



**66** Jean Campbell lit a candle in memory of Roderick "Butch" Fietek



Jean Campbell - March 02, 2020 at 05:04 PM



Many prayers to Butch's entire family. So very sad. He will be missed by many people. I thank him for his honorable military service as well.

Kathy Marshik



Kathy Marshik - March 01, 2020 at 09:36 PM



66 Rich & Sharon Hogan lit a candle in memory of Roderick "Butch" Fietek



Rich & Sharon Hogan - March 01, 2020 at 03:24 AM



Celeste & Dwight Wiersgalla lit a candle in memory of Roderick "Butch" Fietek



Celeste & Dwight Wiersgalla - February 29, 2020 at 08:41 PM



From Bob and Leila (great Canadian friends):

How do you say goodbye to a man like Butch? I guess you don't. You have to thank him for all the great memories, all the funny stories he told and all the pranks he pulled. You have to say thank you Butch for allowing us to be part of your life and thou you for being part of ours. We will miss our friend greatly but will always cherish our memories. Love, Bob and Leila

P.S. I hope there is a crib board in heaven... you need the practice!

Bob Nault - February 28, 2020 at 06:07 PM



66 Lois Bieganek lit a candle in memory of Roderick "Butch" Fietek



Lois Bieganek - February 28, 2020 at 07:21 AM



Carlene, I will never forget our old days being friends. Also the beautiful day of you and Butch showing Ron and me your beautiful Cala lily garden. Absolutely Gorgeous. Our thoughts and prayers are with you at this sad time. I am not able to be there, but know I care, Carlene.

Lois Bieganek - February 28, 2020 at 07:28 AM



Bill And Jennifer Brunk lit a candle in memory of Roderick "Butch" Fietek



Bill and Jennifer Brunk - February 27, 2020 at 10:30 PM



We were blessed to become neighbors of Butch & Carlene in Canada a few years ago. It was always obvious that Butch was part of that place and that the area around Finnlayson was part of Butch. That will never change. His stories will live on forever. Carlene, Butch knows that your wonderful family will take great care of you until someday when he gets to put his arms around you again. We love you and our thoughts are with your entire family during this time of grief and celebration. Brad & Terri Fleming

Brad & Terri Fleming - February 27, 2020 at 08:54 PM



Annie & Mark Tykwinski lit a candle in memory of Roderick "Butch" Fietek



Annie & Mark Tykwinski - February 27, 2020 at 06:35 PM



Carlene and family I am so sorry to hear of Butch's passing. Thinking of him will always bring a smile and happy thoughts. He always went out of his way to greet Mom at bingo and we always ended up having a good laugh before he ended our visit. Our prayers are with you during this sad time. He will truly be missed. Blessed be the memory of Roderick "Butch" Fietek. Yvonne Newman Mariotti

Yvonne Newman Mariotti - February 27, 2020 at 02:01 PM



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Shelley Funeral Chapel - February 27, 2020 at 10:06 AM





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Toni - February 26, 2020 at 10:57 PM





Joyce I Crowder lit a candle in memory of Roderick "Butch" Fietek



Joyce I Crowder - February 26, 2020 at 10:39 PM



66 Our deepest sympathy, The Crowder Family Joyce I Crowder - February 26, 2020 at 10:44 PM





Judi Ficek lit a candle in memory of Roderick "Butch" Fietek



Judi Ficek - February 26, 2020 at 10:14 PM



66 Carlene and family. My deepest and most heartfelt sympathies. Will miss seeing Butch at the Legion playing Bingo. Prayers to you all.

Judi Ficek - February 26, 2020 at 10:16 PM



66 My sympathy goes out to the family, prayers Carlene and family

Jeanette S Wuellner - February 26, 2020 at 08:58 PM



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Jeanette S Wuellner - February 26, 2020 at 08:56 PM



Jim & Barb Cluka lit a candle in memory of Roderick "Butch" Fietek



Jim & Barb Cluka - February 26, 2020 at 07:40 PM



I am so sorry to hear of your tragic loss. May you find some peace throughout this difficult time. Please know that you and your family are in our thoughts and prayers.

Chuck and Peggy Parins

Peggy Parins - February 26, 2020 at 04:24 PM





**66** Carlene and Family,

We are so sorry to hear of the sudden loss of Butch. He will live on in all of you and the memories you share. Heaven just gained another angel. Peace to you during this sad time.

Stick and Shirley Olson

shirley olson - February 26, 2020 at 03:23 PM





Roger 7 Karen Harakel lit a candle in memory of Roderick "Butch" Fietek



Roger 7 Karen Harakel - February 26, 2020 at 03:11 PM





So sorry to hear of Butch's death; my heart goes out to you and your family. I didn't know Butch very well, but thin of you often as my best friend on 7th Street! May you find peace during this difficult time.

Terri Werckman (Girtz)

Terri Werckman (Girtz) - February 26, 2020 at 01:23 PM





Virgil And Babe Brisk lit a candle in memory of Roderick "Butch" Fietek



Virgil and Babe Brisk - February 26, 2020 at 01:19 PM





Rick & Mary Zablocki lit a candle in memory of Roderick "Butch" Fietek





John And Suzie Chaika lit a candle in memory of Roderick "Butch" Fietek



John and Suzie Chaika - February 26, 2020 at 12:01 PM



Pamela, John, Nick, Fran & Mike Brisk lit a candle in memory of Roderick "Butch" **Fietek** 



Pamela, John, Nick, Fran & Mike Brisk - February 26, 2020 at 10:58 AM



66 So sorry to hear about the sadden news! Our prayers and thoughts are with the whole

Pamela Brisk & (kiddos) Johnathon, Nicholas, Frances & Michael Brisk

Pamela Brisk & kiddos - February 26, 2020 at 11:00 AM





Gary And Jane Kliber lit a candle in memory of Roderick "Butch" Fietek



Gary and Jane Kliber - February 26, 2020 at 09:28 AM



Our Sympathy to the Fietek Family!
Rich and Wendy Waltman

Wendy Waltman - February 26, 2020 at 09:07 AM



Please accept our deepest sympathies for you loss. Our prayers are with you, Troy, Toni and families during this difficult time.

Sally and Charlie Nelson



Sally Nelson - February 26, 2020 at 08:43 AM



66 Collette lit a candle in memory of Roderick "Butch" Fietek



Collette - February 26, 2020 at 08:34 AM



Our deepest sympathies to you. May you find peace in the memories you have of your Husband, Dad and Grandpa.

John, Julie and Rachel Witucki

Julie Witucki - February 26, 2020 at 06:46 AM



66 My deepest sympathy to all of you. I hope you find comfort in the days to come. Teri Kroll teri kroll - February 28, 2020 at 09:34 AM



To All The Families, Sincere sympathy on your loss. God Bless you all as the days go by peace be with you all.



Debbie Jelinski-Harakel - February 26, 2020 at 02:28 AM



George And Audrey Newman lit a candle in memory of Roderick "Butch" Fietek



George and Audrey Newman - February 26, 2020 at 12:36 AM



We are so heartbroken for you all We had the pleasure of meeting Butch at the resort in Canada when staying with my parents Paul & Jane. Butch was truly a kind soul Our deepest condolences. Our thoughts & prayers are with you all. Heidi, Scott, Nolan & Neelah McLeod

Heidi McLeod - February 25, 2020 at 11:49 PM





Sandy Wright-Olson lit a candle in memory of Roderick "Butch" Fietek



Sandy Wright-Olson - February 25, 2020 at 11:10 PM



So sorry to hear about the loss of Butch. He will be missed by many especially those of us in Green Prairie Township. He was a great guy with a kind heart. Prayers and Hugs. -The Maslowski Family



The Maslowski Family - February 25, 2020 at 09:35 PM



I worked with Butch at Sea View Farm, wonderful man to work with, I will miss your smile and laughter. Rest in Pease Butch!

Brian Pizorski - February 25, 2020 at 09:25 PM





Bette Geving lit a candle in memory of Roderick "Butch" Fietek



Bette Geving - February 25, 2020 at 08:47 PM



So sorry to hear of the loss of Butch. Growing up together in Flensburg & Little Falls was always a fun time. Lots of memories were made. We are cousins. My folks are John & Ida . Condolences. May he rest in peace. Bette (Fietek) Geving

Bette Geving - February 25, 2020 at 08:45 PM



Donna & Ben Kuklock lit a candle in memory of Roderick "Butch" Fietek



Donna & Ben Kuklock - February 25, 2020 at 08:38 PM



I'm sure going to miss seeing Butch around camp. Never easy when the world loses one of the good guys. :(

Travis Hakes - February 25, 2020 at 08:26 PM



Hugs and prayers to the entire family, such a special person gone fare to soon! My best memories of Butch is one night several years ago, my friend MaDonna (Carlenes sister) and I ran in to Butch and Carlene at the Casino, they said to us come on let's go have dinner, we did and Butch insisted on paying for all of our meals and that we all have dessert too...so of course we did, who would turn down dessert. Such a kind and generous man! Blessings to the entire family!

Marilyn Hamblin





Sincere sympathy to Butch's family on his passing. We were Flensburg classmates. My sister, Jean, married his cousin, Ron Johannes. My family followed his racing at North Central Speedway years ago. May the Peace that passes all understanding be with each of you.

Pat Pfeffer Tedman Victoria, MN

Pat Pfeffer Tedman - February 25, 2020 at 06:46 PM



**66** Judy R Berger lit a candle in memory of Roderick "Butch" Fietek



Judy R Berger - February 25, 2020 at 06:40 PM



Carlene, Toni, Troy and family may you find comfort in each other during this difficult time. Share the wonderful memories that Butch has left with each of you. May God guide you in the days that follow. RIP Butch.



Donna - February 25, 2020 at 06:00 PM



Toni and family, I am so sorry to hear about the passing of your dad and grandpa. The memories of him will never be forgotten. Everyday there will be a sign of him always watching over you. Take care of your mom Toni, and keep the faith. He is in a much better place and he knew he was loved by many. Wendy and Dave Rutz



66 So sorry to here .take care . Duane ( Snipe ) an Cindy Witucki



Duane Witucki - February 25, 2020 at 05:29 PM



66 Butch was a great man! Tony and Troy, please know friends are all so sad at the passing of Butch! Whenever he did the tarring of the roads in Green Prairie, he would always put down a huge smiley face just for me, at least that's what I thought! I feel so terrible about the great loss of your father and my friend! Please know how awful I feel about your great dad and father! I pray for your mother, a great woman, and his precious daughter and son, and grandchildren, who loved him so much!

cindy vogt - February 25, 2020 at 05:19 PM



Jerry And Annie Adamski lit a candle in memory of Roderick "Butch" Fietek



Jerry and Annie Adamski - February 25, 2020 at 05:11 PM





Jane Olson lit a candle in memory of Roderick "Butch" Fietek



Jane Olson - February 25, 2020 at 04:19 PM



66 My heart hurts for you all. He will be missed greatly!! Big hugs and prayers.

Fawnya Day - February 25, 2020 at 04:16 PM



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marshall kathrein - February 25, 2020 at 03:10 PM





66 Marshall Kathrein sent a virtual gift in memory of Roderick "Butch" Fietek



marshall kathrein - February 25, 2020 at 03:09 PM





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marshall kathrein - February 25, 2020 at 03:08 PM





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marshall kathrein - February 25, 2020 at 03:06 PM





Aron & Tammy Dalen lit a candle in memory of Roderick "Butch" Fietek



Aron & Tammy Dalen - February 25, 2020 at 02:53 PM





Carlene and family. You have our deepest sympathy and prayers. We have many fond memories of Butch. He will be missed by so many. Tony and Judy Armbrust

Judy Armbrust - February 25, 2020 at 02:41 PM





Hannah Frank lit a candle in memory of Roderick "Butch" Fietek



Hannah Frank - February 25, 2020 at 02:23 PM



My condolences on your loss. Butch will certainly be missed by many as he was a kind and loving man. I will miss getting to chat with him and take his luck at Bingo. Sincerly,

Hannah Frank

Hannah Frank - February 25, 2020 at 02:22 PM



Carlene and family, we are so so sorry for your loss. Butch was a really wonderful friend and excellent "Canadian" neighbor. We will miss his smiling face. May he rest in peace. Our grandson, Aaron and daughters Heidi and Heather and their children also send their deepest sympathy. Sincerely, Paul and Jane Bergquist.

Paul Bergquist - February 25, 2020 at 02:01 PM







George&Donna Williams - February 25, 2020 at 02:00 PM



Butch is going to missed by all---he was a classmate of "65" and everyone will miss him. Such a kind-happy and fun to be around. Sincere sympathy goes out to his whole family. Blessings and prayers----



Audrey - Pete Yourczek - February 25, 2020 at 01:42 PM



66 So sorry for your loss. Butch was a good and kind man! John and Joan Wester

john joan wester - February 25, 2020 at 01:26 PM



Deepest sympathy to all...he DEFINITELY touched many lives in a positive way...he will be missed!!!

Jane Olson - February 25, 2020 at 02:03 PM



66 My grandpa is the beast grandpa ever he was the beast he loved all Of us thank u so much marshall - February 25, 2020 at 02:59 PM



All of the regular Bingo players will miss Butch Tuesday nights in Flensburg. Our sincere condolences. Louise and Mike Frank.



Louise Frank - February 25, 2020 at 01:25 PM





Diane Drew lit a candle in memory of Roderick "Butch" Fietek



Diane Drew - February 25, 2020 at 01:15 PM



66 Sending prayers to you all at this difficult time.

I remember Butch when he raced with my uncle in brained. So many memories. Cherish the memories.

Diane Drew - February 25, 2020 at 01:17 PM



**66** We are so sorry for your loss.



Edie & Jason Seelen - February 25, 2020 at 01:06 PM



66 Myron & JoAnn Hlad lit a candle in memory of Roderick "Butch" Fietek



Myron & JoAnn Hlad - February 25, 2020 at 01:05 PM





I'm sorry for your loss Butch was always such a happy bubbly guy I will miss him



Allie manlick - February 25, 2020 at 12:55 PM



So sorry to learn of the tragic passing of cousin Butch Fietek. It's quite likely he gave my mother Marilyn bulbs for the Calla Lily portrayed in her photo. Bless his soul.



Glenn L. DesJardin - February 25, 2020 at 12:31 PM



Donna & Rick Lundgren lit a candle in memory of Roderick "Butch" Fietek



Donna & Rick Lundgren - February 25, 2020 at 12:29 PM



Such a good neighbor to have all these years! What a GREAT man with a wonderful family. Our sympathies to all of you.

Chad and Sara Kleinschmidt - February 25, 2020 at 12:18 PM





66 Mary Jo Lapos lit a candle in memory of Roderick "Butch" Fietek



mary jo lapos - February 25, 2020 at 11:41 AM



We are so sorry to hear about Butch. When I think of Butch, Calla Lilies immediately come to mind! Our thoughts and prayers and with each of you.



Steven & Donna Slettom - February 25, 2020 at 10:35 AM



Pat & Theresa Mackey lit a candle in memory of Roderick "Butch" Fietek



Pat & Theresa Mackey - February 25, 2020 at 10:12 AM





Darlene Palm lit a candle in memory of Roderick "Butch" Fietek



Darlene Palm - February 25, 2020 at 10:10 AM



I am so sorry to hear this. It breaks my heart! I am going to miss visiting and gossiping with Butch! He was a great guy with great stories! He is definitely going to missed in the neighborhood! My thoughts and prayers are with you Fietek family.

Jessie Monson - February 25, 2020 at 10:09 AM



Patty And Joe Mallak lit a candle in memory of Roderick "Butch" Fietek



Patty and Joe Mallak - February 25, 2020 at 09:56 AM



66 Carlene and Family, so sorry to hear about the passing of Butch. You are in our thoughts and prayers!

Patty and Joe Mallak - February 25, 2020 at 09:58 AM





Gene And Barb Block lit a candle in memory of Roderick "Butch" Fietek



Gene and Barb Block - February 25, 2020 at 09:49 AM





Tom Ledbetter lit a candle in memory of Roderick "Butch" Fietek



Tom Ledbetter - February 25, 2020 at 09:27 AM



We're so sorry, to hear about Butch. Our thoughts and prayers, are with the entire Fietek family. Cherish those memories and May He Rest in Peace.



Roger and Michelle Schneider - February 25, 2020 at 09:22 AM





Pam & Robert Czech lit a candle in memory of Roderick "Butch" Fietek



Pam & Robert Czech - February 25, 2020 at 09:21 AM



66 May our Savior wrap his loving arms around you Carlene, Toni and Troy during this difficult, sad days ahead. We are heartbroken to hear of Butch passing such a great guy. Our prayers and loving thoughts are with you ALL! Rest In Peace Butch!



Connie& Dan Sullivan - February 25, 2020 at 09:13 AM



May Butch Rest In Peace. Our hearts goes out the family.

Anna Mae and Dennis Woltman - February 25, 2020 at 08:52 AM



Fred And Judy Tabatt lit a candle in memory of Roderick "Butch" Fietek



Fred and Judy Tabatt - February 25, 2020 at 08:51 AM



Tally lit a candle in memory of Roderick "Butch" Fietek



Tally - February 25, 2020 at 08:41 AM





**66** Sandy Nelson lit a candle in memory of Roderick "Butch" Fietek



Sandy Nelson - February 25, 2020 at 08:36 AM





66 Lois Peterschick lit a candle in memory of Roderick "Butch" Fietek



Lois Peterschick - February 25, 2020 at 07:40 AM





66 Bruce And Kathy Anderson lit a candle in memory of Roderick "Butch" Fietek



Bruce and Kathy Anderson - February 25, 2020 at 07:23 AM





66 Leonard And Pamela Freudenrich lit a candle in memory of Roderick "Butch" Fietek



Leonard and Pamela Freudenrich - February 25, 2020 at 07:01 AM





**66** Our sympathies...



Carol & Kenny Merten - February 25, 2020 at 06:55 AM





Steve And Judy Kathrein lit a candle in memory of Roderick "Butch" Fietek



steve and Judy kathrein - February 25, 2020 at 06:16 AM





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steve &judy kathrein - February 25, 2020 at 06:12 AM





Denny And Karen Frank lit a candle in memory of Roderick "Butch" Fietek



Denny and Karen Frank - February 25, 2020 at 05:31 AM



66 Carlene and family! We are so very sorry to hear of Butch's passing. As you all know he was one of a kind. A very special man who always had time to stop and chat, I know I always enjoyed our visits. Butch will be missed by all knew him. RIP my friend!!





66 Toni, and family, so sorry to hear about your dad, may the good Lord wrap his arms around all, give you strength and comfort now and forever. God Bless to all.

Rozanne Sobania - February 28, 2020 at 05:50 PM