

# The Twenty Third Psalm

The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want.  
He maketh me to lie down in green pastures:

He leadeth me beside the still waters.

He restoreth my soul: He leadeth me in the  
paths of righteousness for His name's sake.

Yea, though I walk through the valley of  
the shadow of death, I will fear no evil:

for thou art with me;

Thy rod and Thy staff they comfort me.

Thou preparest a table before me

In the presence of mine enemies:

Though anointest my head with oil: my cup runneth over.

Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all

The days of my life: and I will dwell

In the house of the Lord forever.

# In Loving Memory



Richard Warren Chord

December 11, 1931 ~ October 5, 2025



*"Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord  
that they may rest from their labours; and their works do follow them."*

*Revelation 14:13*

**R**ichard was born on December 11, 1931, near White Owl, South Dakota. He was the ninth of twelve children born to Roy Ellsworth Chord and Edith Esther Clayton. On September 24, 1949, he married Joan Marie Landphere in Rapid City, SD. They were blessed with seventy-three and a half years of marriage. Together they raised four children: Warren LeRoy Chord of Gillette, WY, Daniel Howard (Patty) Chord of Riceville, TN, Edith Esther (Dan) Black of Calhoun, TN, and Robert Wayne Chord. He loved and prayed for his twenty grandchildren, forty-five great-grandchildren, and seven great-great-grandchildren.

Richard was called into the ministry at a young age and served as a pastor in North Dakota, Minnesota, Colorado, Kansas, Montana, Arizona, Wyoming, and South Dakota. He also served as a missionary in Jamaica for over twenty years. He had a heart for Christian Education and helped start schools in South Dakota, Wyoming, and Jamaica.

He was an avid reader, especially of the Bible. His favorite verse was Matthew 11:28-30 which says, "Come unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn of me; for I am meek and lowly in heart: and ye shall find rest unto your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light."

Richard had a strong work ethic and was proficient in many trades but would always take the time to play a game of chess.

Richard is survived by his children: Warren, Dan, and Edie and one sister: Illoree Owens of Arizona.

He was preceded in death by his wife: Joan, his son: Bob Chord, and siblings: Donald Chord, Zoe Grotzke, Doris Mickelson, Wayne Chord, Vernon Chord, Everett Chord, Iris Dau, Ruth Mayer, and Paolo Chord.

## *In Loving Memory Of Richard W. Chord*

### *Date of Birth*

**December 11, 1931**

### *Date of Death*

**October 5, 2025**

### *Funeral Service*

**Monday, October 13, 2025 at 11:00 am  
Bear Butte Cemetery  
Sturgis, South Dakota**

### *Officiant*

**Pastor Harold Delbridge**

### *Musical Selections*

**"Go Rest High On That Mountain"  
"Goodness of God"  
"Soldier of the Cross"**

### *Final Resting Place*

**Bear Butte Cemetery  
Sturgis, South Dakota**