

Richard John Koudela was born on January 25, 1927 in Lake Mary Township to the parent of Henry and Christine (Kalina) Koudela. He attended country school through 8th grade, worked on the family farm until he joined the Army- Company B, 123d Infantry in 1953 where he received his GED.

On September 18th, 1956, Richard was united in marriage to Carolyn Winther at St. John Nepomuk Catholic Church. To this union the couple was blessed with six children. The couple had a dairy farm together where he raised Holsteins, pigs, ducks, turkeys and chickens. Richard drove tractor until he was 89 years old as long as the air conditioning was working and the polka music was going. He enjoyed taking his wife out to weekend polka dances at the Lakeside or Algon Ballroom and even traveled to Gibbon for the polka festival. It was not uncommon for him to dance the polka in the barn with his kids during milking or around the kitchen table after dinner. He enjoyed hunting, fishing, playing softball, volleyball, badminton, or anti I over games with his children. He was on a pool league for 30 plus years in Nelson where he enjoyed laughing and joking around and also at the Senior Center. He was on the country school board for Lake Mary Township. Was a member of the Lowry American Legion for 60 plus years. He loved playing cards and when his kids, grandchildren, great-grandchildren stopped over they would enjoy a game of cards like Thirty-one, Nickels, Whist, or Shit on your neighbor. Enjoyed visiting with all of his cousins and listening to polka music on tv.

Richard died on Wednesday, December 18th, 2019 at his home. He is survived by his six children: Theresa (Doug) Tvrdik, Karen (Kevin) Tvrdik, Alan (MaryBeth) Koudela, Dale (Teresa) Koudela, Katherine (Tom) Wilkins, Debra Reinhart; 16 grandchildren; 19 great-grandchildren; sister in-law Doris Maki; many nieces and nephews. Richard is preceded in death by wife Carolyn; his parents, Henry and Christine; sister Blanche (Joe) Shermak; brother in-laws Lyman (Bonnie) Winther and Joe Maki; nieces, Marion and Judy Shermak and granddaughter in-law Nikki Meyers.

*For everything there is a season, and a time
for every matter under heaven:
A time to be born, and a time to die;
A time to plant, and a time to pluck up what
is planted;
A time to kill, and a time to heal;
A time to break down, and a time to build up;
A time to weep, and a time to laugh;
A time to mourn, and a time to dance;
A time to cast away stones, and a time to
gather stones together;
A time to embrace, and a time to refrain from
embracing;
A time to seek, and a time to lose;
A time to keep, and a time to cast away;
A time to tear, and a time to sew;
A time to keep silence, and a time to speak;
A time to love, and a time to hate;
A time for war, and a time for peace.*

Ecclesiastes 3:1-8

Arrangements

Anderson Funeral Home - Alexandria, Minnesota



In Loving Memory of

**Richard J.
Koudela**

January 25, 1927



December 18, 2019

Mass of Christian Burial

St. John's Nepomuk Catholic Church
Reno Township, Minnesota
Monday, December 23, 2019, 11:00 AM

Officiant

Reverend Father Peter Kirchner

Organist

Ann Zavadil

Song Leader

Judith Swanson

Honorary Casket Bearers

All Richard's Grandchildren &
Great Grandchildren

Casket Bearers

Matt Meyers Chris Koudela
Dustin Koudela Cody Koudela
Jeremy Tvrdik Parker Henrich

Military Honors By

Lowry Legion Post #253

Burial

St. John's Nepomuk Cemetery
Reno Township, Minnesota