

A Gentle Man

By R. W. Nay

A quiet and gentle man went to his home today.

A home the Lord has prepared from which he'll never stray.

He leaves behind the human pain and trades it for a crown,

As he beholds God's glory and happiness is found.

He is done with Earthly chores and rests with God above,

As he's raised his family with gentleness and love.

For they learned how they should live through his kindly deeds-

Raising them in our Lord's way and tending to their needs.

A friend to all, foe to none - held greet them with a grin.

Treating them like family, they all were welcomed in.

Now his earthly time is past, he's done with all his tests.

He's born all the trials and now deserves his rest.

He's in his eternal home that he was working toward,

As he greets our Savior and receives his just reward.

A place where all the memories will never fade away,

And new ones are created on each and every day.

And so, Lord , watch over him eternally, we pray,

For a very gentle man came to your home to stay.

In Loving Memory of

Gary Ridley

December 20, 1942 ~ January 13, 2023



FUNERAL SERVICE

Thursday, January 19, 2023 ~ 1:00 p.m.

United Lutheran Church

Langdon, ND

CLERGY

Pastor Jodi Myrvik

CONGREGATIONAL MUSIC

Organist ~ Kathie Johnson

“Precious Lord, Take My Hand” “Amazing Grace”

SPECIAL MUSIC

Soloist ~ Steve Hart

“Because He Lives” “How Great Thou Art”

CASKET BEARERS

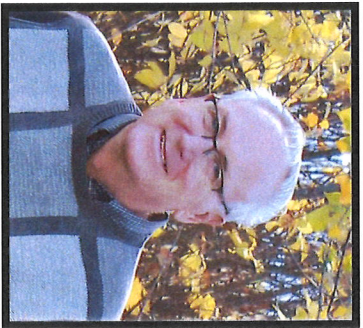
Stephen Ridley Shawn Ridley Aaron Ridley

Eric Knudson Steve Olson Kyle Moen

INTERMENT

Lebanon Cemetery

Langdon, ND



Gary Arthur Ridley was born December 20, 1942, in Langdon, ND, to John and Joycelyn (Niield) Ridley. He grew up in Maida and later attended school in Langdon, graduating in 1960. He served in the US Army, was honorably discharged, and returned to Langdon. On June 17, 1967, he married Joyce Amoth in Langdon. They started their life together on their homestead farm outside of Wales and later moved into Langdon to continue raising their family. Gary enjoyed being busy and performed various jobs over his career before starting the position of night manager at Warehouse Foods/Leverters in Langdon. He thoroughly enjoyed this job for over 25 years before retiring in 2017.

Gary was easy-going, kind and humble. He would greet everyone he met with a smile and often strike up conversation with complete strangers. He was generous and would do anything to help someone out. He never had a harsh word to say about anything or anyone and was a very content, happy person who loved his family and his community. He enjoyed walking, cooking, baking, doing puzzles and playing cribbage. He looked forward to spending time with his family, especially playing with his grandkids. He was a member of United Lutheran Church in Langdon.

Surviving Gary are his three sons: Stephen of Langdon, Shawn (Julie) of Fort Collins, CO, and Aaron (Jennifer) of Savage, MN; grandchildren: Noah, Collin, and Elena; sisters Jackie (John) Knudson and Judy (Steve) Gossett; and sister-in-law Cindy Ridley. He was preceded in death by his parents, wife Joyce, and brother John Ridley Jr.

Gary passed away January 13, 2023, at Maple Manor Care Center in Langdon at the age of 80.