

Raymond J. Ridl was born on April 5, 1944 to Albert C. and Betty (Saetz) Ridl of Dickinson, ND. Ray married the love of his life Luella Schmitt on June 27, 1968 at St. Patrick's Catholic Church in Dickinson. They were blessed with three children, Ray, Alan and Marilyn and raised their family in Dickinson. In 1975, Ray began his career as a heavy equipment operator with Earth Builders. In 1979, he transitioned to Meyer Construction, which later became Northern Improvement. He worked there for over thirty years and retired in 2010. Beginning in 2011, Ray worked for Fisher Sand and Gravel part-time for five years to help ease some of his boredom. Ray will be remembered for his very strong catholic faith. He prayed a daily rosary and he and Luella enjoyed celebrating daily mass together. Ray had a special love for his family, especially his grandkids. Ray was a member of the St. Anthony Club, Eagle's Club, and International Operator Union 49. In his free time, Ray enjoyed wood working, making sausage with his family and gardening in the backyard. Ray is survived by his wife of 55 years, Luella; children, Ray (Melissa Schmalenberger) Ridl of Seattle, Washington, Alan (Heather) Ridl of Dickinson, Marilyn (Curt) Heinert of Dickinson; 9 grandchildren, Tyler, Jackson and Carter Ridl, Brae (Levi) Keck, Chloe (Nic) Bohle and Alivia Ridl, and Rachel, Jacob and Joshua Heinert; four great grandchildren, Riggs, Kolter, Maisie and Barrett Keck; sisters, Ann (Jim) Gorman of Aurora, CO, Betty (Deacon Jerry) Volk of Bismarck, Rita Gardner of Lincoln, NE; brothers, Albert C. (Carolyn) Ridl Jr. of Aurora, CO, Erv Ridl of Dickinson, Pat Ridl (friend Rita) of Dickinson and Tim (Glenora) Ridl of Dickinson; sister-in-law, Leota Ridl of Loveland, CO; brother-in-law, Arnold (Janet) Schmitt of Mott; and numerous nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents Albert and Betty Ridl; grandparents; brothers, Francis, Evan, Cary; sister, Jacqueline; and brother-in-law, William D. Gardner.



Raymond "Ray" Ridl

April 5, 1944 - January 14, 2024

I'M FREE

*Don't grieve for me, for now I'm free.
I'm following the path
God laid for me.
I took his hand when I heard him call.
I turned my back and left it all.
I could not stay another day.
To laugh, to love, to work or play.
If my parting has left a void,
then fill it with remembered joy.
A friendship shared, a laugh, a kiss,
ah yes, these things I too will miss.
Be not burdened with times of sorrow.
I wish you the sunshine of tomorrow.
My life's been full, I've savored much.
Good friends, good times,
a loved one's touch.
Perhaps my time seemed all too brief
don't lengthen it now with undue grief.
Lift up your hearts and share with me.
God wanted me now;
He set me free.*





Ray Ridl

FUNERAL MASS

Friday, January 19, 2024 10:00 am
St. Patrick's Catholic Church
Dickinson, North Dakota

ROSARY & VIGIL

Thursday, January 18, 2024 6:15 pm
Stevenson Funeral Home
Dickinson, North Dakota
Deacon Jerry Volk

CELEBRATING

Father Brandon Wolf
Deacon Jerry Volk

MUSIC

Sandy Tibor Chris Volk

READERS

Curt Heinert Sarah Stenson
Joyal Meyer

GIFT BEARERS

Ray's Children
Ray Ridl Alan Ridl
Marilyn Heinert

PALLBEARERS

Ray's Grandchildren
Tyler Ridl Jackson Ridl
Carter Ridl Jacob Heinert
Josh Heinert Rachel Heinert
Brae Keck Levi Keck
Chloe Bohle Nicholas Bohle
Alivia Ridl

INTERMENT

St. Patrick's Cemetery
Dickinson, North Dakota

ARRANGEMENTS BY

Stevenson Funeral Home
Dickinson, North Dakota

Lunch will be served at Stevenson Funeral Home following the committal. Everyone is welcome.

