

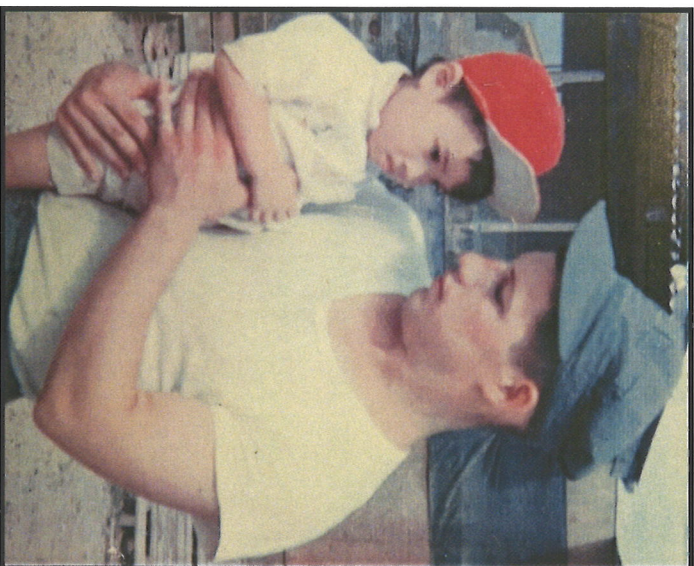
## Afterglow

*I'd like the memory of me to be a happy one.*

*I'd like to leave an afterglow of smiles when day is done.*

*I'd like to leave an echo...whispering softly down  
the ways of happy times and laughing times  
and bright and sunny days.*

*I'd like the tears of those who grieve to dry  
before the sun of happy memories that I leave behind  
when day is done.*



*The family would like to thank all of you for your  
many acts of kindness. Your thoughts and  
prayers are so very much appreciated. May God  
bless each of you and the memory of Rick!*

## *In Loving Memory*



*Richard C. Schaam*

*March 4, 1947*

*September 26, 2024*

# MASS OF CHRISTIAN BURIAL

Tuesday, October 15, 2024 ~ 2:00 p.m.

St. Alphonsus Catholic Church ~ Langdon, ND

## CLERGY

Father Kurtis Gunwall

## MUSIC

Bob Schaan Randy Schaan Ali Nicolai  
Min Gette St. Alphonsus Choir

“Be Not Afraid” “Go In Peace” “High Above Our Way”  
“All is Well” “On Eagle’s Wings”

## READERS

Sydney Schwabe Alexa Nicolai

## GIFT BEARERS

Jena Schwabe Ava Nicolai Reagan Schaan

## EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER

Angie Nicolai

## URN BEARERS

Calen Schwabe Cadyn Schwabe Damon Nicolai Logan Schaan  
Jason Schwabe Dirk Nicolai Ismael Rodriguez

## MILITARY RITES

Langdon American Legion Post #98  
North Dakota National Guard Military Honors Team

## INURNMENT

Balta, ND

Richard was born March 4, 1947, in Rugby, ND, to Vincent and Elizabeth (Merck) Schaan. He attended school in Balta and graduated from Assumption Abbey in Richardton, ND, in 1965. After graduation, Richard joined the Marine Corp, serving one year in Vietnam. After being honorably discharged, he attended Mayville State University where he earned a degree in education and coaching. On August 16, 1969, Richard and Sandra Peterson were united in marriage in Balta, ND. Richard taught in Balta, then he and Sandy moved to Hays, MT, and Lincoln, MT, where he taught for several years before returning to North Dakota. In 1991, they moved to Langdon where they ran the Crossroads restaurant and were involved in running the Stables restaurant. They moved away from Langdon but returned in 2005 when they retired to be closer to family.

Richard enjoyed collecting trinkets, reading, music, sports cards, and was an avid sports fan. He thoroughly enjoyed watching and rooting for the Green Bay Packers, New York Yankees, and Notre Dame Fighting Irish. Richard also enjoyed keeping up with the activities of his kids and grandkids. He was a member of the Knight of Columbus and American Legion.

Surviving Richard are his wife, Sandra, of Langdon; children: Collette (Jason) Schwabe of Thompson, ND, Angie (Dirk) Nicolai of New Prague, MN, Ryan Schaan of Grand Canyon, AZ, and Ricky (Bridget) Schaan of Thornton, CO; ten grandchildren; one great-grandchildren and one on the way; siblings: Roland, Reynold (Debbie), Charlotte (David) Brandt, Randall, Robert, Vincent, Kenneth (Mana Rae); and his beloved dog, Fritzy. He was preceded in death by his parents, brother Romaine, and sister Collette and Marie.

Richard passed away September 26, 2024, at his home in Langdon at the age of 77.