

***Rodney W. Richter, age 89, of Vergas, MN,  
passed away peacefully at his home on  
Tuesday, January 2, 2018.***

Rodney was born June 29, 1928, in Vergas, MN, to William and Frieda (Bunkowske) Richter. Rodney was baptized July 8, 1928 and confirmed July 19, 1942 at St. Paul's Lutheran Church Loon Lake. Rodney grew up in Bertha, MN, until the age of 10, when his family returned to the family farm in Vergas, MN, where Rodney resided until the time of his passing. He attended country school near his home in rural Vergas through the 8<sup>th</sup> grade. Following his schooling, Rodney worked on the family farm with his father, William. Rodney married Marjorie Wendt, December 13, 1952, at St. Paul's Lutheran Church Loon Lake. Rodney was drafted into the United States Army January 23, 1953 where he served overseas during the Korean War in the Demilitarized Zone. He was honorably discharged December 1, 1954. Rodney and Marjorie made their home on the family farm near Vergas where they raised 5 children: Meri Beth, David, Virginia, John and Paul.

Following his farming career, Rodney started selling seed for several companies and finally retired November 30, 2017.

Rodney was active in Candor Township and served as the township clerk for 37 years. He was very active at St. Paul's Lutheran Loon Lake Church where he served in various positions over the years. He also served on the Land O' Lakes Cooperative and Vergas Elevator Boards.

Rodney greeted everyone with a smile and loved visiting and telling stories. He will be dearly missed.

Rodney is survived by his wife of 65 years, Marjorie Richter; 4 children: Meri Beth (Michael) Tieden of Houston, MO, David (Julie) Richter of Bethel, MO, Virginia (Paul) Thon of Frazee, MN, Paul (Linda) Richter of Aurora, SD; daughter-in-law, Linda Richter of Vergas, MN; 16 grandchildren; 14 great grandchildren; 1 brother, Bill (Fran) Richter of Glyndon, MN; 3 sisters-in-law, Georgia (Roger) Bentley of New York Mills, MN, Wilma Richter of Vergas, and Careadell Richter of Detroit Lakes; along with several nieces and nephews.

Preceding Rodney in death were his parents; son, John Richter; 2 brothers, Leon and Ralph; and 2 nephews, Russell and Ryan Richter.



IN LOVING MEMORY OF

*Rodney W. Richter*

# The Farmer



He loved to till the verdant soil,  
And watch his garden grow  
But now he tills another spot,  
A beauty spot I know.

He plows where fields are always green  
With furrows straight and true,  
And where the day is always bright  
And life begins anew.

But we shall miss him here on earth  
Until our day is done  
When we shall be with him again.  
When our rewards are won.

In Loving Memory Of  
**Rodney William Richter**

***Date of Birth***

June 29, 1928  
Vergas, Minnesota

***Date of Death***

January 2, 2018  
Vergas, Minnesota

***Funeral Service***

Saturday, January 6, 2018 ~ 11 a.m.  
St. Paul's Lutheran Church Loon Lake  
Vergas, Minnesota

***Officiating***

Reverend Del Stohs

***Special Music***

Kim Kratzke, *Accompanist*  
"Amazing Grace"  
"How Great Thou Art"  
"What A Friend We Have In Jesus"  
"Just As I Am"

***Casket Bearers***

Marvin Kratzke	Joshua Richter
Nathan Thon	Isaiah Richter
Zepherin Richter	Troy Tieden
Ron Richter	Jason Tieden
Scott Antonsen	Pepin Richter
Terry Hoffman	Jay Antonsen
Shane Thon	

***Interment***

St. Paul's Lutheran Cemetery Loon Lake  
Vergas, Minnesota

Surely goodness & mercy shall follow me  
all the days of my life;

And I will dwell in the house

of the LORD

*forever.*  
- Psalm 23