

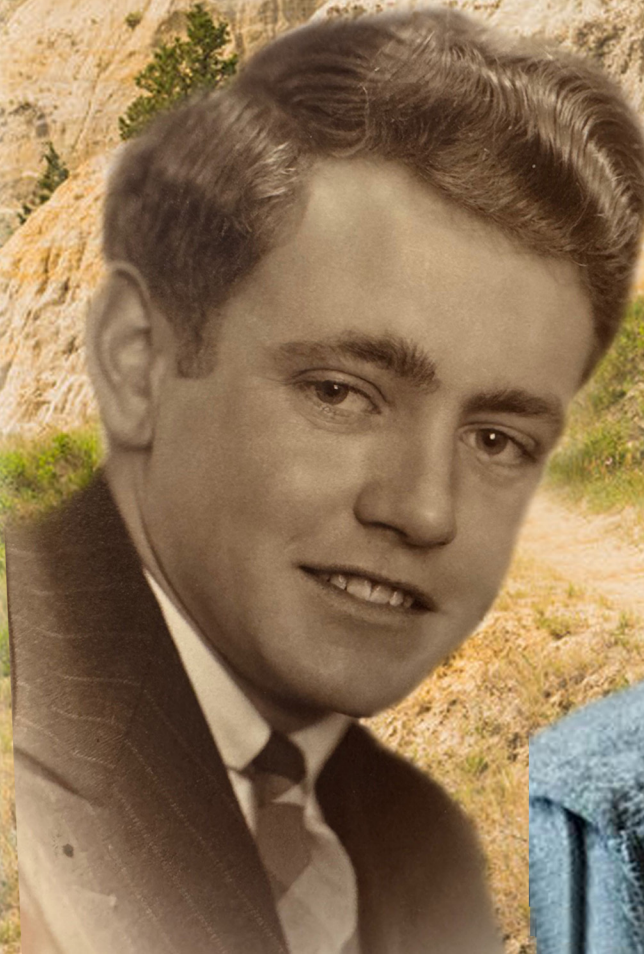
## LaRay Alfred Ries

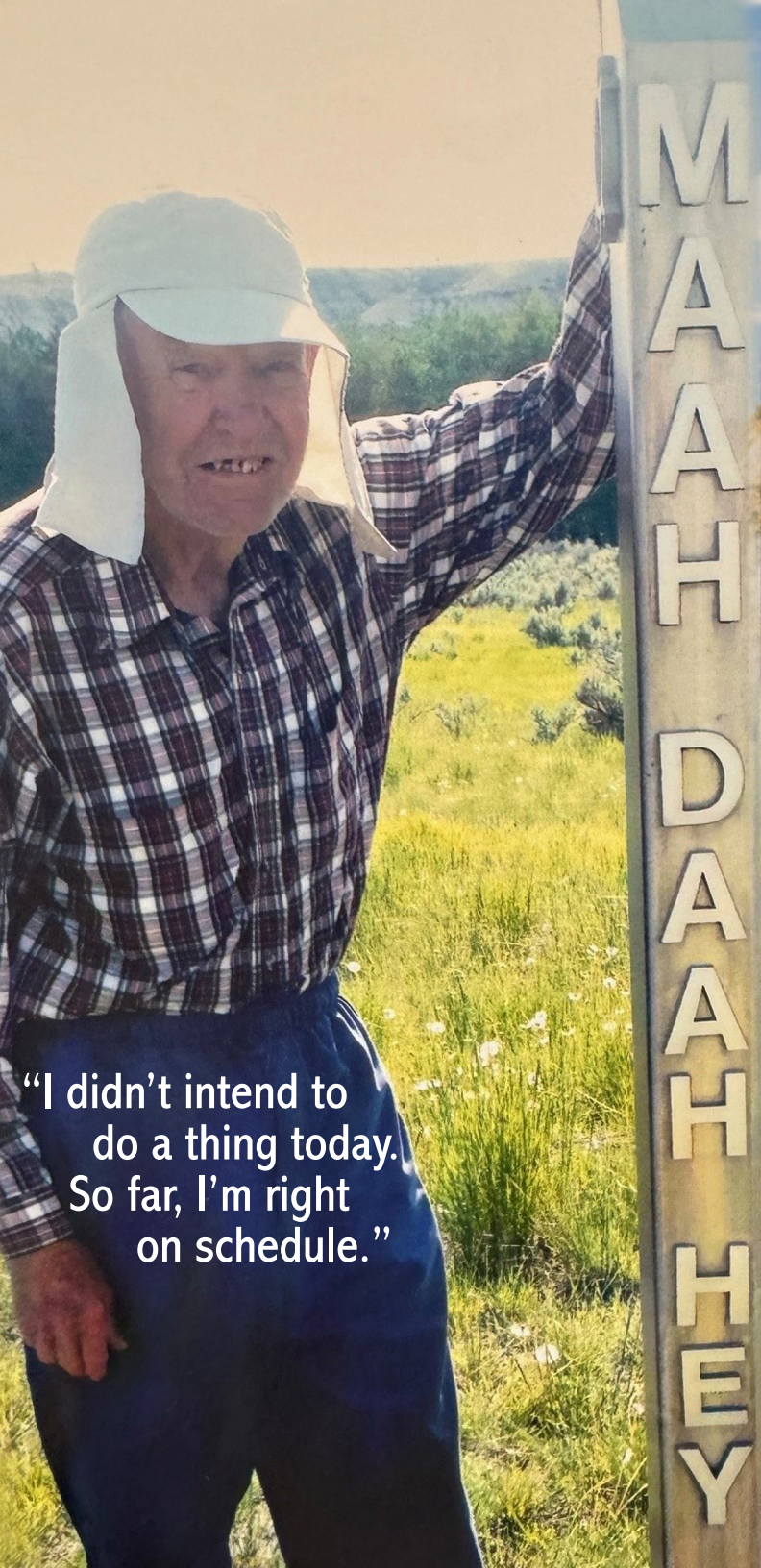
was born March 31, 1928 in New Ulm, Minnesota to Raymond and Gladys (Reinhart) Ries. He attended Holy Trinity in New Ulm and then transferred to Ag School at the University of Minnesota where he graduated in 1947. After school, LaRay moved to Lisbon, North Dakota where he and his dad bought a farm southwest of town. While working on the farm, he met Elaine Jensen who lived two miles down the road from him. LaRay married Elaine on June 7, 1952 in Lisbon. To this union four children were born, Gordy, John, Marianne and Robert. Together LaRay and Elaine farmed for over 21 years until moving to Lisbon in 1973. LaRay worked for the City of Lisbon in the Street and Water Department for 20 years. In 2006, LaRay and Elaine moved to Dickinson. LaRay loved being busy. In the summer of 2008 at the age of 86 and after recovering from multiple surgeries, LaRay began walking the Maah Daah Hey Trail alongside different family members. He finished the final portion of the 144 mile journey on October 4, 2008. LaRay enjoyed hiking, being with family, music, playing his harmonica and whistling. He was a member of St. Patrick's Catholic Church in Dickinson, St. Aloysius Catholic Church in Lisbon, the German Bohemian club and the Knights of Columbus. LaRay is survived by his daughter, Marianne (Blaine) Hoffmann of Gladstone and their son, Tyler (Sarah) Hoffmann; sons, Gordy (Kim) Ries of Aurora, CO and their children, Aja (Brian) Tibbs and Annabelle; Cody (Debbie) Ries and Sloane, Hayden, Charlie; John (Paula) Ries of Bismarck and their children, Adam (Abby) Ries and their children, Scarlet and Linden, Kate (Ryan) Waechter and their children Marley, Murphy and Isla; Wade, and Rachel Ries; daughter-in-law, Janea Ries and her children, Ryan (Nicole) Ries, Savannah Ries and Jacob (Alexa) Ries; and sister, Janice (Paul) Kretsch of New Ulm, MN. He was preceded in death by his wife, Elaine Ries; parents, Raymond and Gladys; son, Robert (8/2017); sister, Joleen (Carroll) Elijah, Rosie (John) Gilbert, Dianne (Bill) Embacher.



# LaRay Ries

March 31, 1928 - June 14, 2024





“I didn’t intend to do a thing today. So far, I’m right on schedule.”



# LaRay Ries

## VISITATION

Thursday, June 20, 2024 2:00 - 4:00 pm  
Stevenson Funeral Home  
Dickinson, North Dakota

## ARRANGEMENTS BY

Stevenson Funeral Home  
Dickinson, North Dakota



Bless the Lord, O my soul: and all my being, bless his holy name.  
Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not at all his benefits; He pardons all your iniquities, he heals all your ills.  
He redeems your life from destruction, he crowns you with kindness and compassion.  
He fills your lifetime with good; your youth is renewed like the eagle’s.  
As far as the east is from the west, so far has he put our transgressions from us.  
As a father has compassion on his children, so the Lord has compassion on those who fear him.  
For he knows how we are formed; he remembers that we are dust. Man’s days are like those of grass; like a flower of the field he blooms; The wind sweeps over him and he is gone, and his place knows him no more.  
But the kindness of the Lord I from eternity to eternity toward those who fear him. And his justice toward children’s children.

Psalm 103-1-5,12-17