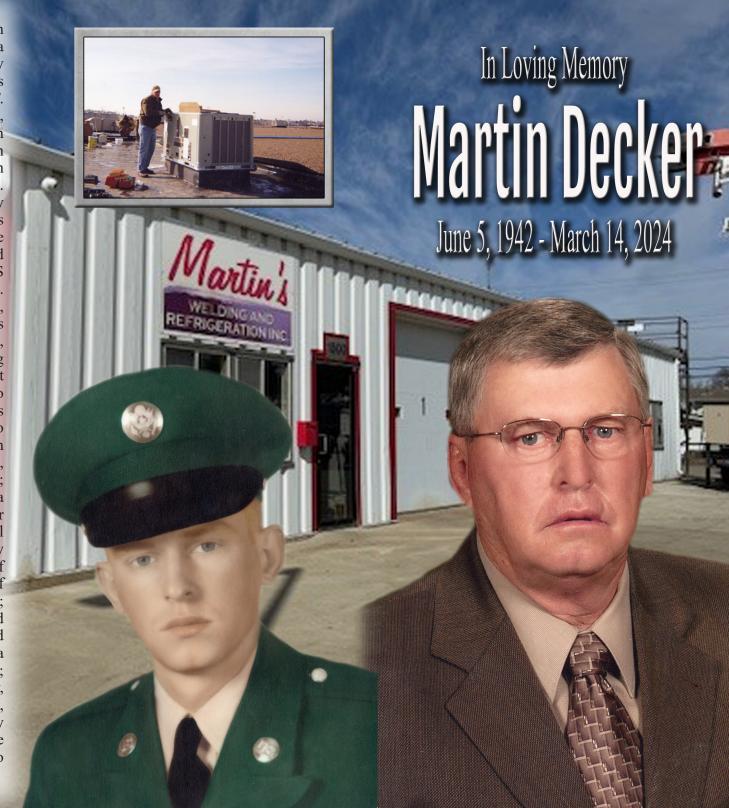
Martin Decker was born in Dickinson on June 5, 1942, the son of Jerome and Anna (Binstock) Decker. Martin worked on the family farm as a young boy until joining his brothers working at the Sugar Factory in Billings, MT. Martin married JoAnn Roth on November 8, 1965 at St. Wenceslaus Catholic Church, Martin enlisted in the North Dakota National Guard in 1963. After returning from his basic training in 1964, he worked for his brother at Tony's Texaco. From there he worked for Sears, EDC, and Dairy Systems until starting his own business, Martin's Welding & Refrigeration in 1979. In 2004, he sold the business to his son, Blaine. Martin and JoAnn enjoyed doing bus trips across the US until his Parkinson's didn't allow him to travel. He was so proud of his sons' accomplishments, especially telling everyone he talked to that his son was the Mayor. Martin truly loved fishing, hunting, camping, snowmobiling and playing cards, especially pinochle where he rarely let you have a bid. His grandchildren were also very important to him, attending their sports activities until he could no longer attend due to his health. Martin is survived by his wife, JoAnn of 58 years; sons, Scott (Shelly), Blaine (Denise), Mark (Val) all of Dickinson; five grandchildren; Jake Decker (special friend, Courtney), Alaynea Decker (special friend, Tyler), Bailey Decker (special friend, Kamryn), Jaydin Decker (special friend, Ethan) and Jenna Decker; brothers, Tony Decker of Dickinson, Art (Donna) Decker of South Heart; sisters, Martha (Steve) Hondl of Dickinson, Eva (Ben) Messer of Richardton; sister-in-law, Martha Decker of Dickinson; and numerous nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents, Jerome and Anna Decker; parents-in-law, Joe and Frances Roth; brothers, Val and Albert Decker; sisters-in-law, Margie (Richard) Lantz, Irene Decker; nephews, Todd and Michael Decker. The Decker Family would like to thank St. Lukes Home for all the wonderful and compassionate care given to Martin throughout his stay.



When I come to the end of the day
And the sun has set for me
I want no rites in a gloom-filled room.
Why cry for a soul set free?
Miss me a little, but not too long
And not with your head bowed low.
Remember the love we once shared –
Miss me, but let me go.

For this is a journey we all must take
And each must go alone.
It's all a part of the Maker's plan,
A step on the road to home.
When you are lonely and sick at heart
Go to the friends we know
And bury your sorrows in doing good deeds –
Miss me, but let me go.





# Martin Decker

### **FUNERAL MASS**

Friday, March 22, 2024 10:00 am St. Wenceslaus Catholic Church Dickinson, North Dakota

#### **ROSARY & VIGIL**

Thursday, March 21, 2024 6:00 pm Stevenson Funeral Home Dickinson, North Dakota Deacon Bob Stockert Deacon Bob Zent

## **CELEBRATING**

Father Robert Shea

#### MUSIC

Priscilla Keogh

Lyle Shoch

#### READERS

Jody Kessel Nancy Kostelecky

#### **GIFT BEARERS**

PJ Geerts

Brett Massie

#### **PALLBEARERS**

Martin's Grandchildren
Jake Decker Alaynea Decker
Bailey Decker Jaydin Decker
Jenna Decker

## **MILITARY HONORS**

Dickinson American Legion Post #3 Honor Guard

#### INTERMENT

Dickinson South Cemetery Dickinson, North Dakota

#### **ARRANGEMENTS BY**

Stevenson Funeral Home Dickinson, North Dakota

Lunch will be served at the church following the committal service.

Everyone is welcome.