





Ritchie was born March 6, 1954, in Langdon, ND, to Jake and Florence (Sheltrau) Arens. He grew up on a farm west of Langdon and graduated from Langdon High School in 1972. He worked as a farmhand before beginning his career as a heavy equipment operator for Mikkelsen Brothers, which he did for more than 30 years until his retirement in 2018 due to health complications. He was very proud of the projects he worked on and often received compliments regarding the quality of his work from community members. Ritchie and Debra Mondor were united in marriage in 1978. They had three children together. Ritchie enjoyed bowling in his younger days and woodworking, baking, canning, and tending to his vegetable garden once the kids were grown. He loved living on the farm and enjoyed when family and friends would stop out to visit with him. He was a member of the Eagles Aerie #3454.

Surviving Ritchie are his children: Timothy (Nicole Thom-Arens) of Fargo, ND, and Tiffany (Jeremy) Pritchard of Langdon; son-in-law Trent Peterson of Langdon; grandchildren: Drew, Abby, Liam, and Mason; and siblings: Ray (Chelta), Kenneth (Deb), Janet (Dan) Harrington, Betty Anderson, Dale (Renee), Doris (Tom) Lill; brotherin-law Kenny Del Real; and many nieces, nephews, great-nieces and great-nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents, daughter Tonya Peterson, brother Donald, and sister Judy Del Real.

Ritchie passed away May 20, 2023, at Maple Manor Care Center in Langdon at the age of 69.

GRAVESIDE SERVICE

Thursday, May 25, 2023

10:00 a.m.

Bethel Cemetery

Rural Langdon, ND

CLERGY

Pastor Don Barsness

RECORDED MUSIC

"Precious Memories" ~ Alan Jackson

"Ashokan Farewell" ~ Various Artists

SPECIAL MUSIC

Lill Family

HONORARY BEARERS

Ritchie's Grandchildren, Nieces, Nephews.

Great-nieces and Great-nephews