

**Raymond “Ray” J. Maershbecker** was born on March 13, 1933 to Joe and Elizabeth (Schneider) Maershbecker. Ray met Claudette Bohrer and the couple was united in marriage on December 26, 1956. He returned to the farm with his bride and worked alongside his father. Together they had three sons. Claudette passed away April 19, 1993 which took most of the wind out of his sail. Ray and his son Wayne farmed together for several years. Ray met Donna Buchmann and they were married on May 26, 1999. Raymond was an innovative person who never met a challenge he could not overcome. He was his own person and passed his knowledge onto his children. “If it was broke, fix it. If it worked, make it work better”. He was always trying new things and methods to excel in his “field”. He loved reading farm magazines and catching up with the new inventions and trends. In addition to his lifetime spent farming, he also drove school bus for nine years, was involved on the board for the Hebron Farmer’s Elevator, and was a founding board member of the Hebron Rural Fire Protection District in 1960. He continued serving on this board until 1997. Raymond also served on the Our Savior Lutheran Church Council. One of his proudest moments was selling the farm to his grandson, Adam, making this a 4th generation farm that has been in the Maershbecker name for over 100 years. Ray is survived by his wife, Donna; sons Kent (Angie) and Steven (Ruth); Donna’s children, Lyla, Wade, Todd, BJ, and Casey; five grandsons; four step-grandsons; special step-granddaughter, Lindsey; four great-grandchildren; and four step-great-grandchildren. Ray was preceded in death by his parents, Joe and Elizabeth; first wife, Claudette; son, Wayne; siblings Katherine, Magdalena, Louise, and Joe; and step-grandchildren, Brittney and Jaye. Memorials can be made to the Our Savior Lutheran Church Cemetery Fund or a charity of your choice.

# Raymond J. Maershbecker

MARCH 13, 1933 - APRIL 20, 2022





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**FUNERAL SERVICE:**  
Friday, April 29, 2022 1:00 pm  
Stevenson Funeral Home  
Hebron, North Dakota

**OFFICIATING:**  
Pastor Dennis Ristvedt

**INURNMENT:**  
At a later date  
St. John Cemetery  
Hebron, North Dakota

**ARRANGEMENTS BY:**  
Stevenson Funeral Home  
Hebron, North Dakota

Coffee and bars will be served  
following the service. Everyone is welcome.

*God* saw he was getting tired,  
And a cure was not to be,  
So He put His arms around him,  
And whispered, "Come with me."

With tearful eyes we watched him suffer  
and saw him fade away.  
Although we loved him dearly,  
We could not make him stay.

A golden heart stopped beating,  
Hard-working hands to rest;  
God broke our hearts to prove to us  
He only takes the best.

