

David Wayne Rodgers, age 76 of Ottertail, MN, died peacefully surrounded by family on September 27th, 2024 at Mayo Clinic in Rochester, MN. Dave was born October 23rd, 1947 in Plainview, NE, the son of Wayne and Miriam (Maple) Rodgers. He grew up on the Pine Canyon Ranch in the Sandhills of Nebraska along the Niobrara River near Valentine. While in high school in Valentine, Dave enjoyed all sports and was proud of placing in state in wrestling. After high school, Dave attended the University of Nebraska from 1966-1970 where he majored in Range Management and Agronomy and was active in AgMen Fraternity. In 1972, Dave graduated with a Master's Degree in Animal Science from South Dakota State University. After graduate school, Dave was united in marriage to Jeanne Dugan and together they had five children. For five years, Dave worked at the NDSU Carrington Research Extension Center before farming and ranching in the Strawberry Lake area of McLean County, ND, in the 80s and 90s. He served on the McLean County Fair Board, the Missouri Slope Irrigation Development Board, and was active with 4-H. On June 5th, 1999, Dave was married to Teri Miller. Dave moved back to Valentine, NE, where he ranched on his family's Pine Canyon Ranch with Teri and her daughter Kristi before retiring to Ottertail, MN. During retirement, Dave spent time with Teri, his beloved dog Button, fished with his family, and attended his grandchildren's sporting events. Dave will be remembered as a life-long fisherman, for his love of dogs and horses, sports, hunting, and ranching. He was energetic, full of life, and enjoyed working hard. He had great love for his wife Teri, his dog Button, and all his children and their families.

Surviving Dave are his wife Teri; his children and grandchildren Justin (Jennifer) Rodgers with Liam and Jacob of Orono, MN, Elena (DJ) Rieger with Grace and Morgan of Bismarck, ND, Kendra (Nathan) McGraw with Alexis, Adriana, and Madison of Colorado Springs, CO, Amber (Dustin) Erpelding with Lily Rodgers, Autumn, Aurora, and Summer of Schertz, TX, and Luke (Liz) Rodgers with Evelyn, Abigail, and Martin of Chaska, MN; Kristi (Alexander) Paiva with Anthony, Katharine, and Cecilia of San Antonio, TX; his sisters Joyce Schneider and Rosanne (Bill) Davis; along with his nieces, nephews and other relatives.

Preceding Dave in death were his parents and his brothers Ron Rodgers and Don Rodgers.

I N L O V I N G
Memory



David Wayne Rodgers

October 23, 1947 - September 27, 2024



Your labor is done, your home now is heaven;
no more must you wait,
Your legacy lives on, your love of the land,
and we will close the gate.

*From the poem "Close the Gate (For Dad)"
by Nancy Kraayenhof*



"For every beast of the forest is Mine, the cattle
on a thousand hills." Psalm 50:10

Visitation

Wednesday, October 2, 2024 from 5:00-7:00 p.m.
Schoeneberger Funeral & Cremation Service
Perham, Minnesota

Visitation

Thursday, October 3, 2024 from 6:00-8:00 p.m.
Sandoz' Chapel of the Pines - Valentine, Nebraska

Funeral Mass

Friday, October 4, 2024 at 10:00 a.m.
St. Nicholas Catholic Church - Valentine, Nebraska

Officiant

Father Antony Thekkekara

Musician

Anne Clark

Songs

"Ave Maria"
"Amazing Grace"
"How Great Thou Art"

Casket Bearers

Justin Rodgers - Luke Rodgers - Liam Rodgers
Jacob Rodgers - Dennis Maple - Larry Maple

Honorary Casket Bearers

Earl Miller - Lily Rodgers - DJ Rieger
Dustin Erpelding - Nathan McGraw - Alexander Paiva

Interment

Mount Hope Cemetery
Valentine, Nebraska

