

### ***Remembering the life of...***

Richard N. Ritter, 85 of Devils Lake formerly of Munich ND passed away Sunday, April 28, 2024 at CHI, St. Alexius Health, Devils Lake Hospital.

Richard Norris Ritter was born December 19, 1938 in Langdon ND the oldest child of Norris and Ovidia (Barstad) Ritter. Richard lived 18 years on the family farm in Huron Township.

He attended grade school at Huron Township School and high school at Clyde Public School and graduated in 1956. He continued his education at Interstate Business College for two years in Fargo, ND.

He started working at First State Bank of Munich in May of 1958 and retired from there in 1999.

Richard joined the North Dakota Army National Guard in Devils Lake ND in October of 1960 and was discharged in 1966.

Bernetta Schommer and Richard were united in marriage on June 21, 1961 at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Munich, ND. They had two children, Kevin and Cindy.

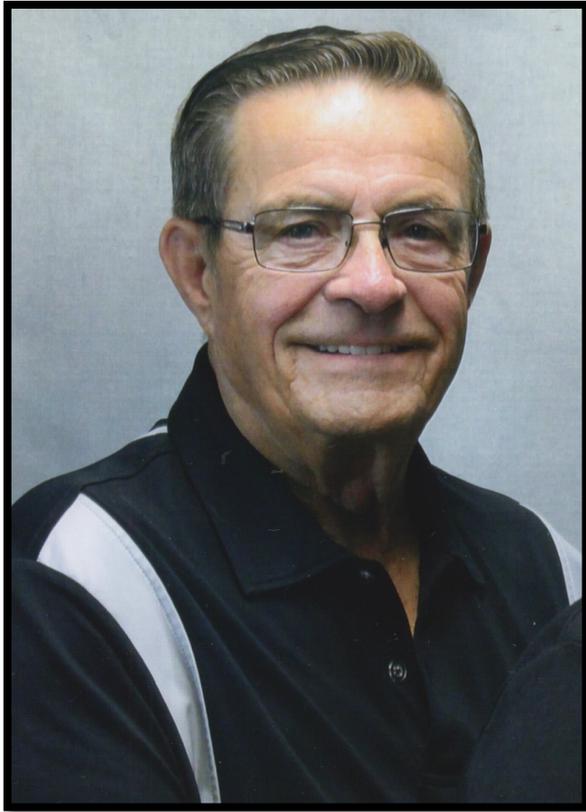
Richard was an active community member; he was President of the City of Munich Park District for 27 years, served as Treasurer for Munich Public School District, served as President/Secretary/Treasurer for the Munich Commercial Club, was a member of St. Mary's Church, Knight of Columbus 4<sup>th</sup> Degree, Devils Lake Elks #1216, life member of Fraternal Order of Eagles in Langdon ND and the American Legion Post #276 at Sarles, ND.

Richard enjoyed fishing and hunting, the trips to Canada fishing, hunting ducks, geese and pheasants in North Dakota and also fishing at Devils Lake the past few years.

Time spent with the children and grandchildren, boating, water skiing and tubing at Vagabond Village in Park Rapids, MN for many summers were a great time for Richard. They even had Christmas in July a few times in the later years.

Richard is survived by his wife Bernetta; son Kevin (Rebecca) Ritter, Bismarck ND and daughter Cindy Babinski, Virginia MN; grandchildren Lauren (Ryan) Guggenberger, Bismarck, Dr. Kathryn Ritter, Coralville IA; Rebecca Babinski, Sartell MN and Matthew (Andrea) Babinski, Duluth MN; great grandchildren (Rebecca's) Isaac and Jaxon Stewart and (Matthew's) William, Theodore and Maxwell Babinski; sisters Gloria Romfo, Langdon ND and Carole Sharff, Christine ND; many dear in-laws, nieces, nephews and their families.

He was preceded in death by his parents, infant son Gerald, brothers-in-law Armond Romfo and Carter Sharff; in-laws Andrew and Annie Schommer.



***Our Treasured Husband, Dad, Grandpa,  
Great Grandpa, Brother, Uncle, Cousin,  
Faithful Servant and Child of God***

## **Richard Norris Ritter**

*December 19, 1938 ~ April 28, 2024*

### **GATHERING OF FAMILY AND FRIENDS**

*Gilbertson Funeral Home  
Devils Lake, North Dakota  
Wednesday, May 1, 2024*

### **ROSARY SERVICE**

*St. Joseph Catholic Church  
Devils Lake, North Dakota  
Thursday, May 2, 2024*

*Rosary led by the Knights of Columbus  
Honor Guard by the 4th Degree Knights of Columbus*

### **MASS OF CHRISTIAN BURIAL**

*St. Joseph Catholic Church  
Devils Lake, North Dakota  
Thursday, May 2, 2024 ~ 2:00 p.m.*

### **CELEBRANT**

*Reverend Bernard Pfau*

### **SPECIAL MUSIC**

*Marla Luehring, Vocalist  
Patty Cote, Vocalist and Organist*

### **LECTOR**

*Craig Schommer*

### **GIFT BEARERS**

*Richard's Great Grandchildren*

### **CASKET BEARERS**

*Bernard Schommer ~ Mark Romfo ~ Kelly Christianson  
Matt Babinski ~ James Borho ~ Donald Schommer*

### **EARTHLY PLACE OF REST**

*St. Mary's Catholic Cemetery  
Rural Munich, North Dakota*

### **GRAVESIDE SERVICE WITH MILITARY HONORS**

*Accorded by the Neathery-Simensen Post #756  
Devils Lake Veterans of Foreign Wars  
North Dakota Military Funeral Honors Team-Army  
Friday, May 3, 2024 ~ 2:00 p.m.  
Officiating, Reverend Mr. Ken Severinson, Deacon*

### ***Gone From Us***

***Gone from us that smiling face,  
The cheerful pleasant ways,  
The heart that won so many friends,  
In bygone, happy days.***

***A life made beautiful by kindly deeds,  
A helping hand fore other's needs.  
To a beautiful life comes a happy end,  
He died as he lived, everyone's friend.***