

*Rick* was born on November 10, 1958, in Breckenridge, MN, the son of Elmer and Martha (Grotluschen) Berndt. He attended Wahpeton schools and graduated from Wahpeton High School in 1977. He started working for the City of Wahpeton Street Crew as summer help at age 15. He became full time with the city at age 20, and proudly served Wahpeton for 44 years and 9 months.

Rick married Mary Haire and they had a son, Justin. Later, Rick met Polly Anderson and they married in 1986. They had 3 children: Evan, Lauren, and Lucas.

Rick was an independent and sometimes stubborn person. He loved hunting, fishing, softball, and darts, where he won many tournaments. He loved his family and would do anything to help them out or anyone he crossed paths with. He was always reliable and never called into work. He was someone you could count on.

Rick is survived by his four children: Justin (Stephanie) Berndt, Texas; Evan (Ashley) Berndt, Wahpeton; Lauren Berndt, Wahpeton; and Lucas Berndt, Fargo; his brother, Larry (Cheryl) Berndt, Wahpeton; his seven grandchildren: Braden, Gage, Ryker, Asher, Elsie, Cole, and Jeremiah; several nieces, nephews, and cousins; and his work brothers on the street crew.

He is preceded in death by his parents, Elmer and Martha Berndt; his brother, Wayne; and his sister, Yvonne.



“Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened,  
and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you  
and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart,  
and you will find rest for your souls.  
For my yoke is easy and my burden is light.”  
Matthew 11:28-30

THE OLD BARN SAID  
WHERE IS THE LITTLE BOY  
WHO LEFT HIS SANDBOX TOY.  
TO CLIMB WITH LITTLE FEET.  
UPON MY LOFTY PEAK?  
ONLY THERE COULD HE WATCH  
THE BIRD IN FLIGHT,  
OR CATCH THE MORNING LIGHT,  
AND SEE THE CATTLE GRAZING  
BY THE CREEK.  
THERE STANDING ON MY WOODED PEAK,  
NOT ONCE DID HE TURN AN EAR  
TO AUNTIES CRY OF FEAR.  
NOR NOTE HER POUNDING HEART,  
FOR FEAR HE'D FALL AND BREAK  
APART.  
ALAS I KNOW BY NOW HE'S GROWN,  
WITH CHILDREN OF HIS OWN.  
BUT JUST PERHAPS, IN MEMORY,  
HE'LL KEEP.  
A PICTURE OF MY LOFTY PEAK.

*Aunt Millie and Uncle Bill*

“So do not fear, for I am with you; do not be dismayed,  
for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you;  
I will uphold you with my righteous right hand.  
All who rage against you will surely be ashamed and disgraced;  
those who oppose you will be as nothing and perish.  
Though you search for your enemies, you will not find them.  
Those who wage war against you will be as nothing at all.  
For I am the LORD your God who takes hold of your right hand  
and says to you, Do not fear; I will help you.”  
Isaiah 41:10-13

# In Loving Memory

# Rick E. Berndt



## Born

November 10, 1958 | Breckenridge, Minnesota

## Passed Away

August 20, 2023 | Wahpeton, North Dakota

## Age

64 Years | 9 Months | 10 Days

## Funeral Service

11:00 AM | Saturday, August 26, 2023  
Vertin-Munson Funeral Home | Wahpeton, North Dakota

## Officiant

René Hasbargen

## Music

“Hallelujah” by Pentatonix  
“There You’ll Be” by Faith Hill  
“Drink A Beer” by Luke Bryan  
“One Tin Soldier” (Legend of Billy Jack) by The Original Caste

## Honorary Pallbearers

Braden Berndt | Gage Berndt | Ryker Berndt  
Asher Berndt | Elsie Berndt | Cole Berndt | Jeremiah Silvernail

## Pallbearers

Mike Berndt | Chris Berndt | Jim Grotluschen  
Greg Heitkamp | Robin Dahlgren | Don Wald

## Interment

Fairview Cemetery | Wahpeton, North Dakota