

Arthur D. Meschke was born in Beach on January 12, 1955, the son of Ralph O. and Betty (Schroeder) Meschke. As a young boy, he grew up on a farm north of Belfield on Frank's Creek Road and attended country school. Arthur graduated in Montana from Anaconda High School in 1973. He enlisted with the US Navy and served while stationed in Spain before his honorable discharge. Arthur eventually settled in North Dakota where he began his life long career in the oilfield. During this time, he met Linda Benz and they were married on April 24, 1981 at St. Mary's Catholic Church in New England. The couple settled in Belfield and were blessed with three boys. Through his work, Arthur experienced many oilfield jobs and built many strong friendships over the years. The Badlands were a special place for Art to escape to. He enjoyed hunting and fishing. He was an avid reader and truly enjoyed Louis L'Amour. Arthur was a bit of a jokester, he loved teasing and sharing jokes. He had a strong passion for creating and building and this passion was passed onto his children. Art considered all completed projects "a work of art". Arthur is survived by his wife of 40 years, Linda; children, Riley and Stuart of Dickinson, Travis (Kayla) Meschke of Bismarck; eight grandchildren; siblings, Carl (Dorothy) Meschke of Amidon, Lila (Dan) Frank of Fargo, Robert (Zella) Meschke of Landusky, MT, Roger (Bonnie) Meschke of Mandan, Rachel Dukart of Mandan. He was preceded in death by his father, Ralph Meschke; mother, Betty Camp; sister, Dorothy Klein; brother-in-law, Roger Klein.



# Arthur Meschke

January 12, 1955 - October 8, 2021



When tomorrow starts without me,  
And I'm not there to see,  
If the sun should rise and find your eyes  
All filled with tears for me;  
I wish so much you wouldn't cry  
The way you did today,  
While thinking of the many things  
We didn't get to say.  
I know how much you love me,  
As much as I love you,  
And each time that you think of me,  
I know you'll miss me too;  
But when tomorrow starts without me,  
Please try to understand,  
That an angel came and called my name,  
And took me by the hand,  
Tomorrow will start without me,  
But don't think we're far apart,  
For every time you think of me,  
I'm right here, in your heart.



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## **FUNERAL MASS**

Friday, October 15, 2021 10:00 am  
St. Joseph's Catholic Church  
Dickinson, North Dakota

## **ROSARY & VIGIL**

Thursday, October 14, 2021 6:00 pm  
Stevenson Funeral Home  
Dickinson, North Dakota  
Deacon Dallas Carlson

## **CONCELEBRATING**

Father Keith Streifel  
Father Gary Benz

## **MUSIC**

Angela Reiter

## **READER**

Joyce Decker

## **GIFT BEARERS**

Tom & Janel Spaeth  
Kayla Decker

## **PALLBEARERS**

Duane Prouty      Cal Meschke  
Steve Klym      Joey Kessel  
Jon Klym      Jeremy Spaeth

## **INTERMENT**

St. Joseph's Cemetery  
Dickinson, North Dakota

## **ARRANGEMENTS BY**

Stevenson Funeral Home  
Dickinson, North Dakota

*Lunch will be served in St. Joseph's Pine Room  
following the graveside service.*

*Everyone is welcome.*