

Richard "Sam" Gladback, age 78, died Saturday, January 21, 2023 in PioneerCare, Fergus Falls, MN.

Richard Ollis Gladback was born December 17, 1944 in Perham, MN, the son of John and Lillian (Lillis) Gladback. Richard attended country school near Basswood, MN before attending Perham High School. Richard worked as a farmhand near Richville and on June 26, 1965, was united in marriage to Sandra Sannes at the Richville United Methodist Church. The couple moved to California where Richard worked as a semi mechanic on lettuce trucks and then worked in auto body. Richard and Sandra were thankful to survive a serious semi accident near Reno, NV and later moved back to Minnesota where Richard did auto body work in Park Rapids, MN. The couple then moved back to Richville where Richard dabbled in auto repair, auto body work, and was an over the road trucker. Richard and Sandra were able to see many parts of the country together. After an auto accident, Richard could not drive, and was forced to retire.

In Richard's earlier years, he enjoyed fishing, ice fishing, and his 1972 Rupp snowmobile. Many will remember Richard cutting cords of wood for the wood stove. He'd pile loads of wood on to an old Buick car hood and pull it through the woods with the Rupp. Later in life, Richard enjoyed going for drives, going out to eat, feeding and watching the birds, caring for an animal or two on his property, and helping friends and family with their car and tractor projects, even using his barn as a paint spray booth.

Surviving Richard is his wife Sandra; his sons Dean, Dale, and David; his grandchildren Abby Leigh, Lilly, Faith, and Grace; great-grandson Espen; brothers Edwin and Duane (Paula); and his sister-in-law Wanda Gladback.

Preceding Richard in death were his parents; his infant daughter Brenda Gladback; his siblings Audrey (Ernest) Lillis, Roma (Stan) Henhart, Phyllis (Mike) Houge, Milo (Ethel May), Betty Ann (Bill) Eckert, and Orval; and his sister-in-law Nola Gladback.

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Memory



Richard Gladback

December 17, 1944 - January 21, 2023



Memorial Service

Saturday, February 4, 2023 at 1:00 p.m.

Richville United Methodist Church

Richville, Minnesota

Officiant

Pastor Rod Tornquist

Interment at a later date

Richville Cemetery

Richville, Minnesota

