

I'M FREE

*Don't grieve for me for now I'm free,
I'm following the path God laid for me.
I took His hand when I heard Him call:
I turned my back and left it all.*

*I could not stay another day
To laugh, to love, to work or play.
Tasks left undone must stay that way;
I found my place at the close of day.*

*If my parting has left a void
Then fill it with remembered joys.
A friendship shared, a laugh, a kiss,
Ah yes, these things I too shall miss.*

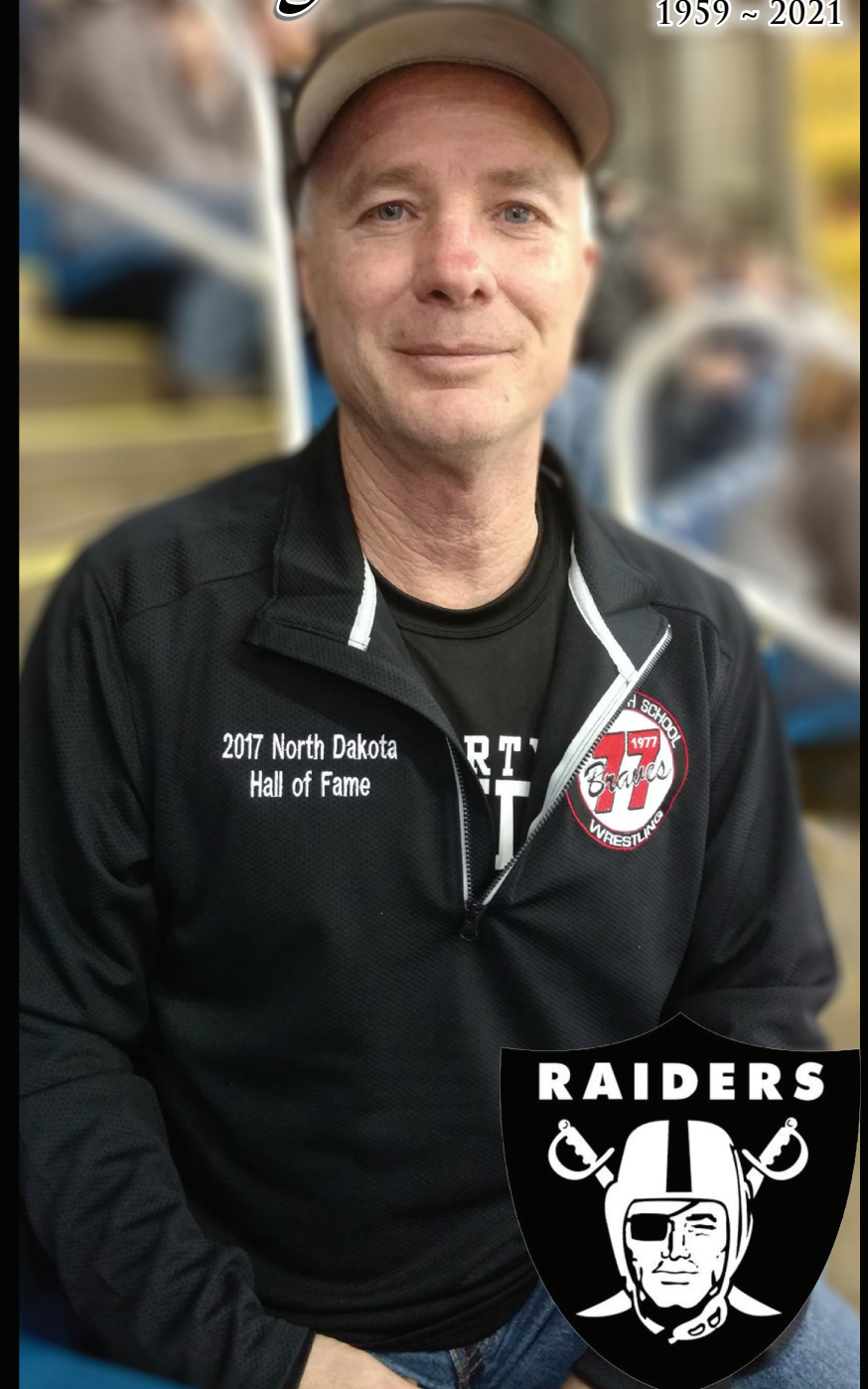
*Be not burdened with times of sorrow:
I wish you the sunshine of tomorrow.
My life's been full, I savored much;
Good friends, good times, a loved ones touch.*

*Perhaps my life seemed all too brief:
Don't lengthen it now with undue grief.
Lift up your heart and share with me;
God wanted me now, He set me free.*



Ricky Hohbein

1959 ~ 2021



Ricky Lee Hohbein, age 61, found peace in Heaven on January 19, 2021 after a courageous and hard-fought battle with early onset Alzheimer's.

Ricky was born February 9, 1959 in Dickinson to Raymond and Marian (Wolf) Hohbein. His family moved to Mandan when he was in grade school and Ricky graduated from Mandan High School in 1977. Ricky belonged to the Mandan Wrestling Club and was co-captain his senior year. He took first place at State in the 119# weight class and his team also took the first place State trophy that year. 40 years later, in 2017, his team was recognized and inducted into the ND Wrestling Hall of Fame. Ricky began working in 1976 with the BNSF Railroad, following the footsteps of his Dad and other family members. His work with them spanned 38 years until he was no longer able to work due to his health. He was married in 1978 and had 2 sons, Derrick and Mitchell. Ricky loved nothing more than spending time with his kids and family. During any family get together, Ricky could be found playing on the floor with the kids and always had licorice in his pocket to hand out to grandkids, nieces, or nephews. No stranger to hard work, Ricky was often the first to volunteer to help his family or friends move, shingle, build decks or garages, or anything else he could lend a hand to. He was not a big man, but had a huge heart. Ricky married his best friend, Julie (Caussyn) Tokach in 2003 and a new chapter in life began. He had a passion for woodworking and his lifelong dream was fulfilled when Ricky and Julie built their home on some land in an area with a lot of family history - and a nice large woodworking shop. They both loved dogs and life became very interesting after adopting 2 rescues that became "their girls". Together they spent countless hours establishing their property and many evenings and weekends were spent on a garden tractor. Sunday's, however, were set aside as a day of rest - meaning church, family, and football. Ricky's other passion was as a die-hard NFL football fan, specifically a lifelong Raiders fan in good times and in bad. For the most part, Ricky was a quiet guy until a bad call was made on the football field, and then watch out! When health became an issue and saying goodbye to the "farm" was necessary, Ricky and Julie were blessed to spend more time with family and watch the grandkids school and sports activities. He was so proud of them and loved attending basketball, soccer, football, or baseball games. Ricky loved his family and his life. He was a strong man and fought a difficult battle. He never forgot those he loved and though he has now left for a more peaceful place, he will always be with us.

Ricky is survived by his wife, Julie; his sons, Derrick (Tracy) and Mitchell (Danielle) Hohbein; step-son, Chad Tokach; grandchildren, Abby, Ayden, Annyka, Aria, and Brynn; his mother, Marian Hohbein; siblings, Beverly (Tom) Krous, Allen "Butch" (Lynn) Hohbein, Randy (Cheryl) Hohbein, and Kim (Lorene) Hohbein; along with many nieces and nephews who he cherished. Ricky was preceded in death by his father, Ray Hohbein; an infant brother, Bruce; and nephew, Travis Hohbein.

*Memorials are preferred to the Central Dakota Humane Society
or the Mandan Wrestling Club.*

Please go to www.BuehlerLarson.com to share memories of Ricky.

Funeral Service

Monday, January 25, 2021; 10:30 AM

First Lutheran Church
408 9th Street NW
Mandan, North Dakota

Officiant

Pastor Phil Leer

Honorary Pallbearers

Matt Reuter, Wade Arnegard, Paul Heinle
Bruce Hohbein, Steve Ressler, & Trey Hohbein

Urn Bearer

Grandson ~ Ayden Hohbein

CELEBRATING THE LIFE OF RICKY LEE HOHBEIN

Welcome

Prelude Music

"Simple Man"

Opening Rite

Gathering

Thanksgiving for Baptism

Opening Song

"Amazing Grace, My Chains Are Gone"

Prayer

Announcements

Special Music

"How Great Thou Art"

Scripture Selections

Matthew 11:28-30

Psalms 23

Phillipians 4:4-13

John 14:1-6, 25-27

Sermon

Special Music

"Humble & Kind"

Prayers of the Church

"Hear our prayer."

Lord's Prayer

Sending/Commendation

Closing Song

"Go Rest High On That Mountain"

Committal will be at Mandan Union Cemetery immediately following the funeral service. The family invites you to join them for lunch and fellowship at the Mandan Eagles, 1400 Collins Avenue, following the burial.