

God saw he was getting tired
And a cure was not to be
So He put his arm around him
And whispered, "Come with Me"
With tearful eyes we watched him suffer
And saw him fade away
Although we loved him dearly,
We could not make him stay
A golden heart stopped beating,
Hard working hands to rest
God broke our hearts to prove to us
He only takes the best

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the funeral livestream, and tribute video.



IN LOVING MEMORY OF
GERALD REBENITSCH

1943- 2024





Gerald Rebenitsch, 80, St. Anthony, passed away surrounded by his family on March 28, 2024.

Gerald was born November 28, 1943, in Fort Rice, ND, the son of Joseph and Ann (Miller) Rebenitsch. Raised and educated in Fort Rice, Gerald's mother was his school teacher for a number of years. He graduated from St. Mary's High School in 1961 and then farmed and ranched side by side with his father, eventually taking over the family homestead when his parents retired. Needing a partner in life and ranching (and a good cook!), Gerald married Darlene Fisher on November 4, 1971. They made

their home and raised their three children on the family ranch. Gerald loved putting up hay and working with his cattle. He was very proud of his collection of Ford tractors. He and Darlene retired in 2013 and moved to St. Anthony. His sons and daughters-in-law took over the family ranch and Gerald still enjoyed coming out to supervise.

Gerald loved traveling, playing Pinochle, attending family reunions, and taking road trips, especially to the casino and Deadwood. For their 25th wedding anniversary, Gerald surprised Darlene, a huge Elvis fan, with a trip to Memphis where he became an Elvis fan himself. Gerald was a member of the Moose Lodge, St. Anthony Verein, and was a board member for Mandan Rural Fire Department for 24 years. He had a strong mind and a great memory so somehow, he was always right. He loved being a grandpa and his grandkids enjoyed going to church with him and then were treated to lunch in town. He was especially proud of becoming a great grandpa to Oliver on February 28, 2024. He loved surfing Bismar Online for deals. Every morning he watched Perry Mason and old westerns in the late afternoon. A kind man who was good to everyone, Gerald will be greatly missed by those who knew and loved him.

Blessed to have shared in his life is his wife of 52 years, Darlene Rebenitsch; his three children and their families, Lee (Joanne) Rebenitsch, and their children, Tyler (Kiara) and their son, Oliver, Jake, Dylan, Emily, Maddie, and Logan; Christine (Billy) Dillmann and their children, Faith, Levi, and Lacey; and Curt (Chelsea) Rebenitsch and their children, Michaela, Katelynn, Pepper, Alyssa, and Peyton; sister, Joletta (Reynard) Schmidt; brothers-in-law, Gary Fisher, Ronnie (Joann) Fisher, and Darby (Ruthie) Fisher; and many nieces, nephews, and countless friends. Special thanks to Margaret Rennecke.

Gerald was preceded in death by his parents; grandson, Caleb; father and mother-in-law, Clifford and Loretta Fisher; sister-in-law, Vivian Fisher; and nephew, Wesley Fisher.

Parish Rosary/Vigil

Tuesday | April 2, 2024 | 7:00 PM

Presider

Weigel Funeral Home

Funeral Mass

Deacon Gary Mizuer

Wednesday | April 3, 2024 | 10:30 AM

Spirit of Life Catholic Church

Celebrant

Fr. Keith Striefel

Musicians

Judy Friesz

Jess Friesz

Janelle Thomas

Prelude

"Draw Me Close To You"

"Take My Hand Precious Lord"

Processional

"You Are Near"

Liturgy of the Word

Old Testament Reading

Revelation 21:1-5a, 6b-7

Lector

Cheryl Thomas

Psalm 27

"The Lord is my light and my salvation."

New Testament Reading

2 Corinthians 5:1, 6-10

Lector

Rhonda Schauer

Gospel Reading

John 12:23-26

Homily

Liturgy of the Eucharist

Preparation of Gifts Song

"Take Our Bread"

Presentation of Gifts

Robert & Ryan Schmidt

Eucharistic Prayer

Communion Song

"Lord When You Came"

"Old Rugged Cross"

Communion Meditation

Final Commendation

Closing Song

"Lead Me Lord"

Pall Bearers

Grandchildren

Tyler ~ Jake ~ Michaela ~ Katelynn ~ Faith ~ Dylan

Honorary Bearers

~The rest of the grandchildren and great grandchild~

Graveside Service

Mandan Union Cemetery

*Following the burial service, the family invites you for
lunch and fellowship at the church.*