

CLOSE THE GATE

FOR THIS ONE FARMER
THE WORRIES ARE OVER,
LIE DOWN AND REST YOUR HEAD,
YOUR TIME HAS BEEN
AND STRUGGLES ENOUGH,
PUT THE TRACTOR IN THE SHED.
YEARS WERE NOT EASY,
MANY DOWNRIGHT HARD,
BUT YOUR FAITH
IN GOD TRANSCENDED.
PUT AWAY YOUR TOOLS
AND SLEEP IN PEACE.
THE FENCES HAVE ALL BEEN MENDED.
YOU RAISED A FINE FAMILY,
WORKED THE LAND WELL
AND ALWAYS FOLLOWED THE SON.
HANG UP YOUR SHOVEL INSIDE OF THE BARN,
YOUR WORK ON EARTH IS DONE.
A FAITH FEW POSSESS LED YOUR JOURNEY
THROUGH LIFE, OFTEN A JAGGED AND STONY WAY,
THE SUN IS SETTING, THE CATTLE ARE BEDDED
AND HERE NOW IS THE END OF YOUR DAY.
YOUR LOVE OF GOD'S SOIL HAS PASSED ON TO
YOUR KIN, THE STORIES FLOW LIKE FINE WINE.
WASH OFF YOUR BOOTS IN THE PUDDLE LEFT BY
BLESSED RAIN ONE FINAL TIME.
YOU ALWAYS BELIEVED THAT THE GOOD LORD
WOULD PROVIDE AND HE ALWAYS HAD SOMEHOW,
TAKE OFF YOUR GLOVES AND PUT THEM DOWN, NO
MORE SWEAT AND WORRY FOR YOU NOW.
YOUR LABOR IS DONE, YOUR HOME NOW IS HEAVEN;
NO MORE MUST YOU WAIT.
YOUR LEGACY LIVES ON, YOUR LOVE OF THE LAND,
AND WE WILL CLOSE THE GATE.



In Loving Memory
Jerome E. Rice

Born to Joseph & Carrie Rice
June 6, 1936 ~ Tioga, North Dakota

Called Home To His Heavenly Father
April 17, 2021 ~ Tioga, North Dakota

CELEBRATION OF LIFE

11:00 AM, Thursday, April 22, 2021
Zion Lutheran Church
Tioga, North Dakota

Officiating

Pastor Richard Carr

Music

- "We Have This Moment" ~ Pastor Rodger & Helene Olson
- "I Can Only Imagine" ~ Joshua Reinholdt
- "Day By Day" ~ Rice Family
- "His Eye Is On The Sparrow" ~ Pastor Rodger & Helene Olson
- "It Is Well With My Soul" ~ Meriel Lora & Greta Eder
- "Lords Prayer" ~ Brian Rice
- "Hallelujah Chorus" ~ AFLC Bible School Choir

Pallbearers

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| Joshua Reinholdt | Jeremie Rice |
| Micah Olson | Dave Finstrom |
| Brad Delplanche | Dan Letch |
| Jacob Rice | Stephen Rice |

Honorary Pallbearers

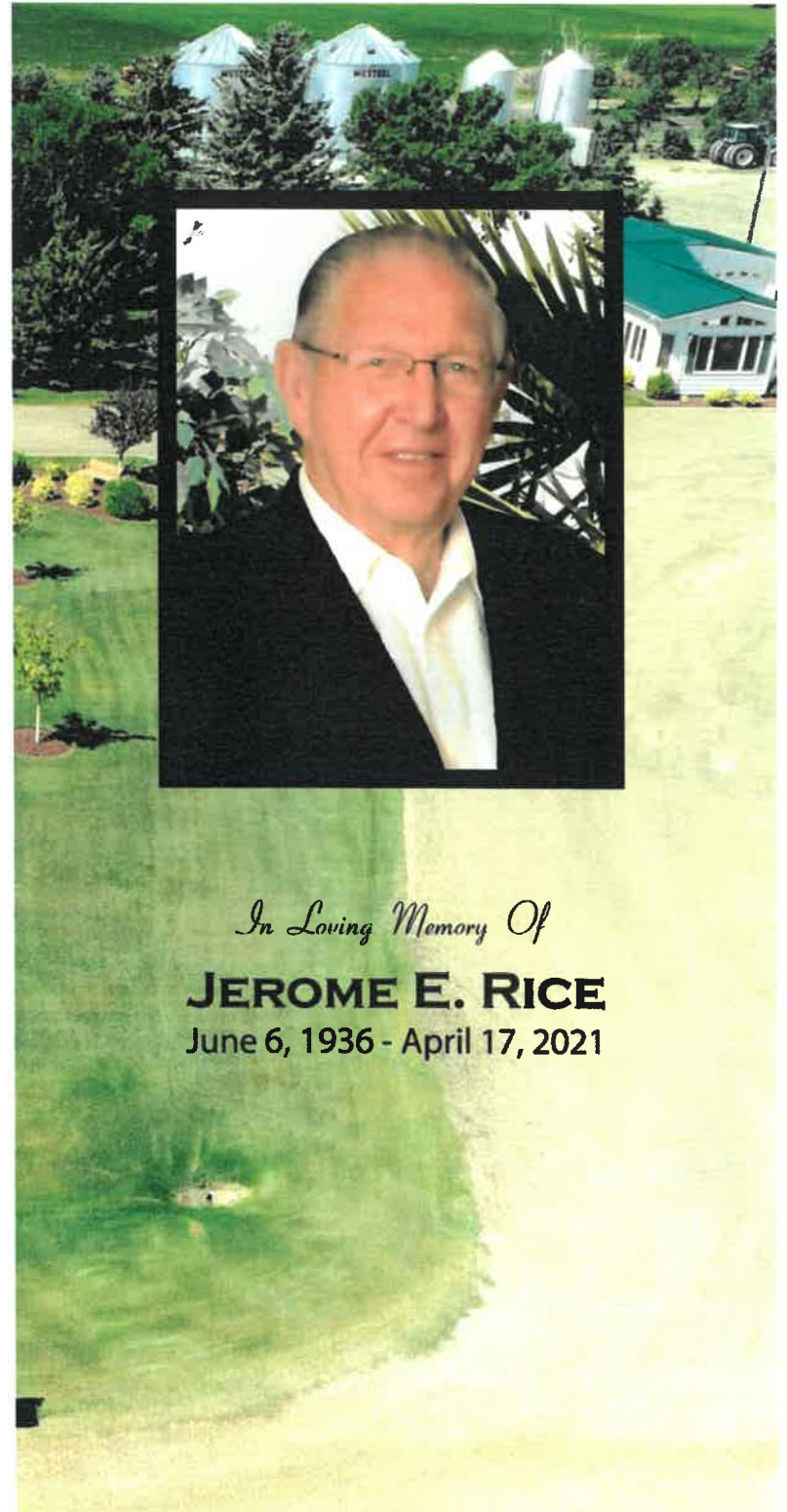
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| Gene & Sharon Cvancara | Henry & Laurie Rieniets |
| Bob & Joyce Eide | Gene & Dana Bischke |
| Roger & Georgia Blestrud | Milfred Thompson |
| Wayne & Marguerite Grindy | Vernon Zunich |
| Pastor Arnold & Joan Downey | |

Final Resting Place

Norman Cemetery
Tioga, North Dakota

Arrangements By

Fulkerson Stevenson Funeral Home ~ Tioga, North Dakota



In Loving Memory Of

JEROME E. RICE

June 6, 1936 - April 17, 2021



Family



Jerome Elling Rice passed away peacefully surrounded by his loving family in the house he was born in on June 6, 1936. He was the youngest son of a family of three girls and three boys born to Joseph and Carrie Rice. He attended country school thru 8th grade in Bicker Township, graduating from Tioga High School in 1954. He went on to graduate from Hanson Trade School Fargo, ND, with a degree in mechanics and welding and joined the National Guard In 1957.

On June 28, 1959 he was united in marriage to Ardis Thompson at Stanley, ND. They made their home on the Rice farm where he continued farming with his father and soon thereafter started a cow-calf operation. He worked for Northern Tank Line and Calvert Drilling to make a living for his family.

He was a lifelong member of Norman Lutheran Church, being member of the church council holding many of its offices. Because of his love for his Lord and Savior he made church a priority in his life and did whatever he was called to do.

He was father to their children; LaVonne, Brian, Michael and Todd. Faith, family and friends were most important. He always led by example. On Sundays he took his family to church, taught his children to work and the value of a job well done.

He served on various boards including Mountrail -Williams REC, Farmers Union, Mountrail County Planning and Bicker Township.

He and Ardis enjoyed many winters in Arizona – making many friends along the way. Special friends are Gene and Dana Bischke who loved and supported our family throughout his cancer journey. For the last 3 years he participated in cancer research at Mayo Clinic in Scottsdale, Arizona. While there, he was loved and treated as part of the Mayo Family.

Throughout his life he was a very good mechanic – seemed he could fix most anything. Sadly, we could not fix him.

He was dearly loved by his wife, children, grand and great-grandchildren.

Those left to mourn his passing are his wife Ardis of nearly 62 years. His daughter LaVonne (Paul) Olson, sons, Brian (Nancy), Michael (Wendy), Todd (Kristi). Grandchildren – Michelle (Brad) Delplanche, Joshua, (Carisa) Reinholdt, Micah Olson (special friend Alina Miles) and McKenzie Olson. Tiffanie (Dave), Finstrom, Jeremie (Amber) Rice, Bethanie (Dan) Letch. Carrie, Ben, Gracia and Greta Eder (special friend Meriel Lora), Alyssa, Jacob Rice Katelin, Stephen, Naomi, Hannah Rice. Great-grandchildren – Ava, Preston Delplanche, Judah, Scout Reinholdt, Beckham and London Opperude. Elijah, Isabel, Ezekiel Finstrom. Caleb, Caden and Carson Rice, Cameron, Cabella, Hanah, Hunter Letch. Sisters-in-law Gladys Grinolds, Lois Boeck, Carol Lounsberry, Sharon Cvancara. Brothers-in-law Milfred Thompson Gene Cvancara. Numerous nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents Joseph and Carrie Rice, a grandson Malachi Olson, Three sisters: Olga, Evelyn, Clarice, two brothers – Chester and Hilmer (Bud).

Blessed be his memory.

