

### He Only Takes the Best

God saw you getting tired,  
And a cure was not to be.  
So he put his arms around you,  
And whispered, "Come to me."

With tearful eyes we watched you,  
And saw you pass away.  
Although we loved you dearly,  
We could not make you stay.

A golden heart stopped beating,  
Hard working hands to rest.  
God broke our hearts  
To prove to us,  
He only takes the best.



Immediately following Rick's committal service at Riverside Cemetery, the family extends you the warmest invitation to join them for refreshments and fellowship in the church fellowship hall.



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*Rickey A. Erickson*

*November 3, 1950 - October 3, 2022*

**R**ickey Arthur Erickson was born on November 3, 1950 to parents Arthur and Gladys (Dietz) Erickson in Huron, South Dakota. Rick attended Huron schools, graduating in 1969. He married Joette Ford in Yale, South Dakota on August 3, 1974.



Rick worked for the Chicago Northwestern Rail Road from 1970-1973. He then worked for Flanery Meats from 1974-1978 before beginning his career with the Beadle County Highway Department where he retired in 2015 as Patrol Operator.

In his spare time, Rick enjoyed hunting, fishing and working on model railroading. He cheered for Duke basketball, Minnesota Twins baseball, Pittsburgh Steelers football and Elkton Elks athletics. Spending time with his grandchildren was the most important to him. He was a member of the Iroquois School Board from 1976-1991. He held various positions in local and council offices since 1980 in A.F.S.C.M.E (American Federation State County Municipal Employees) where he received the Taylor Morsching Award in 1994. He was a founding member and board member of Beadle-Spink Basic Board from 1994-2004. Rick was also on the Yale Town Board from 1991-1995.

He is survived by his wife, Joette of Huron; his sons, Aaron (Becki) of Watertown and Steven (Melissa) of Elkton; 4 grandchildren, Tatum Erickson, Aiden Erickson, Tevan Erickson and Eliot Erickson; his siblings, Carol Erickson of Aberdeen, Sandra (Ken) Erickson of Mountain City, TN, Vickie Brodkorb of Wessington Springs, and Julie (Jeff) Bryant of Belle Fourche; sibling-in-law, Kathy (Roger) Rusche of Arizona, Tom (Roxy) Ford of Huron, Peggy (Loren) Schaller of Rapid City and Bill (LeAnn) Ford of Huron; and several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Arthur and Gladys; brothers-in-law Mark Brodkorb and Gus Erickson; parents-in-law, Joseph and Esther Ford.

## *In Loving Memory* *Rick Erickson*

*November 3, 1950 ~ October 3, 2022*

### ***FUNERAL SERVICE***

2:00 P.M. ~ Sunday, October 9, 2022  
Mt. Calvary Lutheran Church  
Huron, South Dakota

### ***OFFICIANT***

Pastor Chris Navurskis

### ***MUSIC***

Melanie Kludt, Organist

*"On Eagle's Wings" ~ "How Great Thou Art"*  
*"Amazing Grace"*

### ***CASKETBEARERS***

Mike Fitzmaurice ~ Ken Murphy ~ Kenneth "Bud" Erickson  
Bruce Carter ~ Larry Erickson ~ Scott Hintz ~ John Coughlin

### ***HONORARY CASKTEBEARERS***

Grandchildren ~ Nieces ~ Nephews

### ***INTERMENT***

Riverside Cemetery  
Huron, South Dakota