

Raymond Rene Verdeck

Funeral services were Monday morning, April 20, at St. Bridget's Catholic Church in Victor, for Raymond Rene Verdeck, 64, of Victor, who died at his home Friday, April 17, 1998, after a long battle with cancer.

The Rev. Richard Okumu of St. Bridget's and the Rev. Stephen Page of St. Mary's Catholic Church in Fairfield officiated. Lector was Bill Lynch, and music was by organist Angie Hawkins, who rendered "Here I Am, Lord," "Ave Maria" and "On Eagles' Wings."

Pallbearers were Curt Willett, Bob Christian, Mike Verdeck, Chris Willett, Luke Stanley and Mark Willett. Honorary bearers were Don Brannian, Harry Kilmer, Mark Chvala, Larry Gwin, Gene Osborn, David Prather and Lane Warden. Flower attendants were Harriet Bruggeman and Faye Gallagher. Military rites were performed by members of both the Brooklyn and Victor American Legion. Interment was in Calvary Cemetery, Brooklyn.

Ray was born on July 22, 1933, on the farm where he lived the last 25 years of his life. He was the son of August and Erma DeCaluwe Verdeck, the youngest of their five children. He graduated from Hartwick High School in 1952, and entered the United States Army in 1953, serving in Korea until 1955.

He was married to Barbara Lois Willett on Sept. 29, 1953, at St. Patrick's Church in Brooklyn, and they became the parents of four children.

They farmed near Hartwick from 1955 until 1973, when they purchased the Verdeck home farm and built their present home. Ray also drove a school bus for the HLV Community School District for 25 years, retiring in December of 1994 due to ill health.

He was a member of St. Bridget's Catholic Church, the Knights of Columbus, the Brooklyn-Victor Country Club, and the American Legion Post #54. He was a sports enthusiast and was a fan of the Iowa Hawkeyes, St. Louis Cardinals, and the Green Bay Packers. He enjoyed golfing, bowling and playing horseshoes. Ray's life, though, was centered around his family, and he looked forward to the times shared together.

Ray was preceded in death by his parents; two brothers, Charles and Leonard; and an infant son, Brittan.

He is survived by his wife, Barbara, of Victor; three children and their spouses, Jeffry and Cathy Verdeck of Victor, Julie and Lavern Bartachek of Brooklyn, and Lisa and Dale Cunningham of Newton; six grandchildren, Crystal, Angela, Emily and Joseph Verdeck of Victor, and Amber and Jacob Bartachek of Brooklyn; and one brother and one sister, Arnold Verdeck of Hartwick and Margaret Christian of Brooklyn.

Having delivered two generations of students to school in Hartwick, Ladora and Victor, Ray had a real affinity for the children of HLV. It is his wish, therefore, that memorials be directed to Citizens Scholarship Fund of HLV.

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