

Richard Scott Evenson, known to most as Rick, was born on May 19th, 1959, in Pelican Rapids, Minnesota to Maxine (Christopherson) and Gerald Evenson. A lifelong resident of Pelican Rapids, Rick was baptized and confirmed at Trinity Lutheran Church. He grew up in a lively home, surrounded by the love and companionship of his nine siblings.

Rick met Denise Dahl in the fall of 1976 and asked her to the PRHS Homecoming Dance ("On those same stairs by Mr. Holt's classroom," he always said). She accepted, and the rest is history. Denise and Rick were married on September 21st, 1985, at Trinity Lutheran Church. This year marks their 40th Wedding Anniversary.

In 1977, Rick began working alongside his father at Loan Acres Farm. Though the farm originally focused on turkey production, it eventually became a crop and cattle operation; Rick was a cowboy at heart. He lived and worked on the farm all his life, and in time passed along his passion for farming and agriculture to his children. Working closely beside them was one of the great joys of his life.

Rick had a knack for storytelling and could tell a good Ole and Lena joke like nobody's business. He enjoyed spending time with his family, visiting friends, checking cows, ice fishing, wrestling, football, and snowboarding. He also appreciated the small things in life, such as taking the scenic route home, or heading out on the pontoon to watch thunderstorms roll in.

Above all, Rick was a proud father who supported his children in all their endeavors and cared for their spouses as if they were his own. He had a heart of gold and loved hard. He was kind, dependable, wise, humorous, present, steadfast, and hardworking. Though Rick had a tough exterior, he was gentle and compassionate to his core. Nothing revealed that side of him more than the moments he shared with his grandchildren.

Rick left us suddenly on September 1st, 2025. His absence has been and will be felt deeply by many. Rick blessed us with countless memories and stories that will be cherished forever.

He was preceded in death by his grandparents Nina (Bjerke) and Gilbert Evenson, Frances (Erickson) and Elmer Christopherson, and his parents, Maxine and Gerald Evenson.

Rick is survived by his loving wife, Denise, children Dylan (Emily) Evenson, McKale (Claire) Evenson, and Hally (Todd) Brinkman, grandchildren Adelyn, Kenny, Nilton, and Bronson, and siblings Suzanne (Larry) Leabo, Gerry (Jim) Flaig, Kathryn (Bernd) Evenson, Jeanne (Jim) Hovland, John (Carol) Evenson, Charles (Deb) Evenson, Paul (Renee) Evenson, Wesley (Chris) Evenson, and Christopher (Paula) Evenson. He also leaves behind many nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends who loved him dearly.

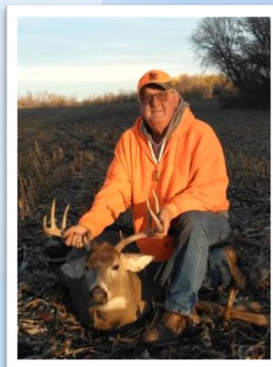
CELEBRATING THE LIFE OF RICHARD S. EVENSON

1959



2025





*I'm just a farmer, plain and simple.
 Not of royal birth, but rather a worker of the earth.
 I know not of riches, but rather of patches on my britches.
 I'm just a farmer, plain and simple.
 I know of drought and rain, of pleasure and pain.
 I know the good, the bad, the happy and the sad.
 I'm a man of emotions.
 A man who loves this land and the beauty of its sand.
 I'm just a farmer, plain and simple.
 I know the spring's fresh flow and autumn's golden glow.
 Of a newborn calf's hesitation and an eagle's destination.
 I'm just a farmer, plain and simple.
 I know of tall pines and long waiting lines.
 I know the warmth of campfires and the agony of flat tires.
 I'm just a farmer, plain and simple.
 I'm a man who loves his job
 And the life that I live.
 I'm just a farmer, plain and simple
 And I'm a reaper of harvest.
 I'm the sower of seeds and I'm the tender of stock.
 I'm just a farmer, plain and simple.
 I know of planting corn and baling hay and animals going astray.
 I live in a complex world, but my faith guides me.
 I'm just a farmer, plain and simple.
 I am a man who works with God. I cannot succeed without his help.
 For you see, I'm just a farmer, plain and simple.*



IN LOVING MEMORY OF
RICHARD SCOTT EVENSON
 MAY 19, 1959 SEPTEMBER 1, 2025

VISITATION

Tuesday, September 9, 2025 - 12:00 p.m.
 Faith Lutheran Church, Pelican Rapids

MEMORIAL SERVICE

Tuesday, September 9, 2025 - 1:00 p.m.
 Faith Lutheran Church, Pelican Rapids
 Officiated by Pastor Alex Ohman

MUSIC

"How Great Thou Art"
 "In The Garden"
 "Outskirts Of Heaven"
 "Amazing Grace"

SCRIPTURE

Psalm 23: 1-6 read by Hally Brinkman
 Deuteronomy 11: 13-15 read by Claire Evenson
 Ecclesiastes 3: 1-4 read by Emily Evenson
 John 14: 1-6 read by Gerry Flaig

URNBEARERS

Dean Ouren Bruce Haugrud Gene Strand
 Danny Olson Tom Marty Mark Grefsrud

HONORARY URNBEARERS

All of Rick's siblings and Arvid Evenson

*Rick's family wishes to invite everyone, no matter where they attended,
 to a time of food and fellowship at Faith Lutheran Church
 immediately following his services.*