

Richard Milton Hanson was born October 2, 1949 in Sisseton, South Dakota to John Robert "Bob" and Elizabeth "Betty" (Axness) Hanson. He grew up east of Sisseton on a cattle ranch and farm. Richard graduated from Sisseton High School and entered the United States Army. He was sent to Fort Benning, Georgia for basic training and then stationed in Taiwan. He earned the highest rank, SPC-5 and was positioned in radio strategic communications. He had married Ember Ward shortly before leaving for Taiwan and to this union four children were born: Brett, Heather, Troy and Sam. Following his honorable discharge, Richard returned home and began working at the Sisseton Livestock Auction; where he would work for over fifty years. He raised his family near Lake City, South Dakota.

Richard earned a few nicknames along the way: Rich, Preacher and Dicky to name a few. He was known for a firm handshake, nicknames for almost everyone and enjoying a Windsor water. One of his favorite past times was playing cards with the sale barn crew. He loved to mow hay with the boys and help on the ranch. He always made sure there was plenty of beer in the tractors and he was always ready to get a gate if needed.

He had become a man of routine of late. He had a path that started with leaving the farm at 4:00 p.m. and stopping at Valley View Country Club. Next, he would head to pick up Lynneta at her place. Then they would head to Lake City Municipal together for shake-a-day. Once a week or so, he would add in an extra stop at Club Eden for the famous "Dicky Burger" which was made especially for him.

Richard was a true cowboy- he could do it all. Roping, riding, camping under the stars, rodeoing, breaking horses and helping neighbors. He was known for his exceptional horsemanship and deep respect for the land, often helping others work cattle. One of the highlights of his life was being invited to the Custer Round Up-going sixteen times.

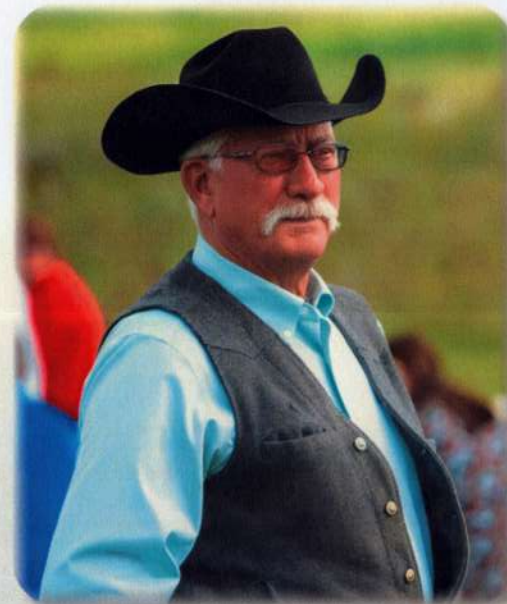
He was fortunate to share a great friendship with Lynneta Fisher over the last four years. As a couple they enjoyed going to movies, dancing and sitting outside at the ranch in the hills enjoying the view together. We are very grateful to Lynneta for all the love and care that she provided to our father over these past years. She will always have a special place in our hearts.

Richard will be remembered for his love of life and commitment to those he held dear. He was a man of faith who shared his love of God through acts of kindness and interactions with others. Richard's patriotism was evident in his unwavering support for his country. May he rest in peace, riding the eternal ranges of heaven.



Please join family in the church  
basement for lunch immediately  
following the service.

## In Loving Memory Of



# Richard Milton Hanson

October 2, 1949 ~ February 1, 2025





**I'm Free**

*Don't grieve for me, for now I am free. I'm following the path God has, you see.*

*I took his hand when I heard Him call. I turned my back and left it all.*

*I could not stay another day, To laugh, to love, to work to play.*

*Tasks left undone must stay that way. I found that peace at the close of day.*

*If my parting has left a void, Then fill it with remembered joy.*

*A friendship shared, a laugh, a kiss. Oh yes, these things I too will miss.*

*Be not burdened with times of sorrow. I wish you the sunshine of tomorrow.*

*My life's been full, I savored much. Good friends, good times, a loved one's touch.*

*Perhaps my time seemed all to brief. Don't lengthen it now with undue grief.*

*Lift up your hearts and peace to thee. God wanted me now. He set me free.*

**In Loving Memory Of  
Richard Milton Hanson**

**Date of Birth**  
October 2, 1949

**Entered Into Rest**  
February 1, 2025

**Celebration Of Life**

10:30 AM, February 15, 2025

Grace Lutheran Church - Sisseton, South Dakota

**Officiating**

**Organist**

Rev. Peter Reynen

**Soloist**

Michelle Greseth

Josh Anderson

**Urn Bearers** - Bruce Prins, Rod Olerud & Dale Rinas

**Honorary Urn Bearers**

Greg Siefkes Tim Moun Carlson Larson Kelly Owens Ben Hanson

Sisseton Livestock Auction Family & Smear Crew

**Survived By**

His companion Lynneta Fisher of Sisseton; children: Brett (Kelly) Hanson of Sisseton; Heather (Shawn) Bainbridge of Wheaton, MN; Troy (fiancée Maggie Steiner) of Sisseton; and Sam Hanson of Sisseton; eight grandchildren: Colter, Andra and Bryson Hanson of Sisseton; Drew and Dylan Bainbridge of Sioux Falls, SD; Mikayla Hanson of Sioux Falls, SD; and Oakley and Hank Hanson of Sisseton; two brothers: Jim Hanson of Sturgis, SD; and Bobby (Becky) Hanson of Sisseton; brother-in-law Virgil (Sharon) Schultz of Rapid City, SD; as well as many nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.

**Preceded in Death By**

His parents Bob and Betty Hanson; maternal and paternal grandparents; sister Debbie Schultz; sister-in-law Jan Hanson.

**Military Rites Provided By**

Otto-Quande-Renville American Legion Post #50 and Fort Sisseton VFW Post #3342

**Burial** - Sisseton Cemetery