



## John "Jack" Richter

February 2, 1937 - January 2, 2025

The Mass of Christian Burial for John "Jack" Richter of Verndale will be celebrated at 11:00a.m. on Tuesday January 7, at St. Ann's Catholic Church in Wadena.

Visitation will be held on Monday from 5:00 until 8:00p.m. at St. Ann's Parish Hall in Wadena with Prayers at 6:00 and a Rosary at 7:00p.m. Visitation will resume at the church on Tuesday from 9:30a.m. until the time of the Mass. Burial will be in Calvary Cemetery in Wadena, MN.

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You are invited to watch the service via live-stream by going to [www.facebook.com/p/Schuller-Family-Funeral-Homes-Cremation-Services-100063798813543/](https://www.facebook.com/p/Schuller-Family-Funeral-Homes-Cremation-Services-100063798813543/) or [www.youtube.com/channel/UC9\\_jZx4o7kREPtz8aSI4tEw](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC9_jZx4o7kREPtz8aSI4tEw)

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John was born at home in Wadena, MN, on February 2, 1937, and passed away at the age of 87 at his home in rural Verndale, MN, on January 2, 2025, surrounded by family. Compassionate care was provided by his family and Vivie (aka: Knute Nelson) Hospice.

John "Jack" Peter Richter was born to Peter and Margaret (Hopp) Richter and was number eleven of twelve children. He grew up in the Wadena area, went to St. Ann's Parochial School for eight years, then attended Wadena Public school, graduating with the Class of 1955.

As a senior in high school, Jack worked in the afternoon at Stuntebeck Ford auto dealer for the part-time training program and also worked at Peterson-Biddick. After graduation he continued to work evenings at Peterson-Biddick in the feed and seed department for a year and also helped his dad farm during the day.

In 1956 Jack bought his first tractor, a Ford Jubilee, which he still owns. In the spring of 1958, he purchased a dairy farm west of Verndale and has farmed there ever since. He took a short break from 1966 - 1972 to work in construction in the cities. He commuted with other construction employees from the Wadena area leaving early Monday mornings and returning Friday nights, but his heart was always in farming.

In 1964, Jack married Judy Hahn at St. Frederick's Catholic Church in Verndale. They were blessed with nine children who were all raised on the dairy farm. His only hobby was farming - talking about farming, listening to farming, reading about farming, and seeing how the neighbors' crops were coming along. Jack farmed with his son Brian until 2007 when Jack quit the dairy business. He continued to crop farm and help his sons Brian & Matt wherever needed with field work and harvesting. As his health declined, Jack enjoyed drives in the country to check out the crops or see the latest farm equipment purchased by the surrounding farms. He loved visiting the "boys" farms to check on the crops, see how the harvesting was progressing, and help problem solve equipment breakdowns.

The month of June is known as Dairy Month, however, for Jack, every month was dairy month. He loved his cheese, but nothing was better than ice cream - every day, any time of day, and any flavor. He had a great sense of humor, was quick-witted, and always had a joke to tell. Whenever someone asked why he was called Jack instead of John, he always told them 'Jack was

shorter.' He was a loving husband, father, grandfather and great-grandfather. His Faith in the Lord and Catholic religion was very important to him.

Preceding Jack in death were his parents, Peter and Margaret; brothers: Raymond (Sophie), Robert (Betty), Edmund (Lorraine), James (Virginia), Donald (Margaret), and Arnold; sisters: Eleanor (Louie) Roggenkamp, Mary (Herbert) Lehmkuhl, Jane (Ervin) Weber, Veronica (Warren) Behmen, and Sophie (Robert) Roser.

Jack is survived by Judy, his loving wife of 60 years; children: Michelle Hughes, Moorhead; Brian (Michelle), Verndale; Brenda (Larry) Schwartz, Bloomington; Wendy (Chris) Hardy, Otsego; Melissa (David) Evans, Wadena; Christy (Dean) Evans, Hamel; Lisa (Bert) Meyers, Fargo; Matthew (Jackie Lilleodden) Wadena; Joshua (Kylie), Eau Claire, WI; sister-in-law Carolyn Richter; 19 grandchildren, 9 great-grandchildren; and many nieces and nephews.

In lieu of flowers, memorials in Jack's name may be directed to Vivie Hospice (618 Jefferson St N. Suite 2, Wadena, MN 56482).

# Cemetery Details

## Calvary Cemetery

Franklin Dr. & 6th St SW  
Wadena, MN 56482

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JAN 6. 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

St. Ann's Parish Hall  
514 2nd St. SE  
Wadena, MN 56482

## Prayers

JAN 6. 6:00 PM (CT)

St. Ann's Parish Hall  
514 2nd St. SE  
Wadena, MN 56482

## Rosary

JAN 6. 7:00 PM (CT)

St. Ann's Parish Hall  
514 2nd St. SE  
Wadena, MN 56482

## Visitation

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JAN 7. 9:30 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

St. Ann's Catholic Church  
514 1st St. SE  
Wadena, MN

## Service

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JAN 7. 11:00 AM (CT)

St. Ann's Catholic Church  
514 1st St. SE  
Wadena, MN

# Tribute Wall



“ *Schuller Family Funeral Homes created a Tribute Video in memory of John "Jack" Richter*



Schuller Family Funeral Homes - January 04, 2025 at 05:21 PM

BL

“ *Barbara Anderson Larson lit a candle in memory of John "Jack" Richter*



Barbara Anderson Larson - January 07, 2025 at 09:48 PM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of John "Jack" Richter.*



January 06, 2025 at 04:21 PM



“ *Hope he's having fun seeing all of his "famous brothers and sisters!!!! My dad was friends with Ed Richter!!!*

Katherine Rohr - January 05, 2025 at 08:18 PM

AF

“ Our thoughts and prayers are surely with you Judy and family, Sure will miss him; always a grin and a joke. !!!!



Alan and Esther Freitag - January 05, 2025 at 03:53 PM

GR

“ Greg Reardon purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of John "Jack" Richter.



Greg Reardon - January 05, 2025 at 02:45 PM

AD

“ Al & Mary Beth Dolezal lit a candle in memory of John "Jack" Richter



Al & Mary Beth Dolezal - January 05, 2025 at 01:31 PM

IB

“ My thoughts and prayers are with the family at this time.



Irene Baron - January 04, 2025 at 10:38 PM

EL

“ Paul and I will always hold Jack close to our heart. We send our sympathy to all the people who knew and loved Jack.

Elaine C Lorentz - January 04, 2025 at 08:37 PM

BA

“ Brooke & Krista Anderson lit a candle in memory of John "Jack" Richter



Brooke & Krista Anderson - January 04, 2025 at 07:58 PM

KR

“ Krista Rogers lit a candle in memory of John "Jack" Richter



Krista Rogers - January 04, 2025 at 07:19 PM

BM

“ Barb Masog lit a candle in memory of John "Jack" Richter



Barb Masog - January 04, 2025 at 07:10 PM

CD

“ Chris and Maria Dolezal purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of John "Jack" Richter.



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Chris and Maria Dolezal - January 04, 2025 at 06:23 PM

CD

“ Chris and Maria Dolezal planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of John "Jack" Richter.

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Chris and Maria Dolezal - January 04, 2025 at 06:23 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of John "Jack" Richter.



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January 04, 2025 at 05:49 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of John "Jack" Richter.

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January 04, 2025 at 05:49 PM



“ John & Anita Beringer



Anita Beringer - January 04, 2025 at 05:43 PM



“ Ken & Nancy Lawson lit a candle in memory of John "Jack" Richter



Ken & Nancy Lawson - January 04, 2025 at 04:31 PM



“ Judith K. planted a grove of 3 [Memorial Trees](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of John "Jack" Richter.

Judith K. - January 04, 2025 at 03:00 PM



“ 1 file added to the album LifeTributes



Schuller Family Funeral Homes - January 04, 2025 at 02:55 PM

MA

*Love this photo of the granddaughters!*

MarieFraune - January 05, 2025 at 01:46 PM

SS

“ *Judy, I offer my deepest sympathy and wishes to find comfort and peace during this trying time. I will forever still see Jack by your side when we meet as you two were always side by side. Sending loving thoughts and prayers.*



Sally Siegler - January 04, 2025 at 02:44 PM

DH

“ *Diane M Hahn lit a candle in memory of John "Jack" Richter*



Diane M Hahn - January 04, 2025 at 01:05 PM

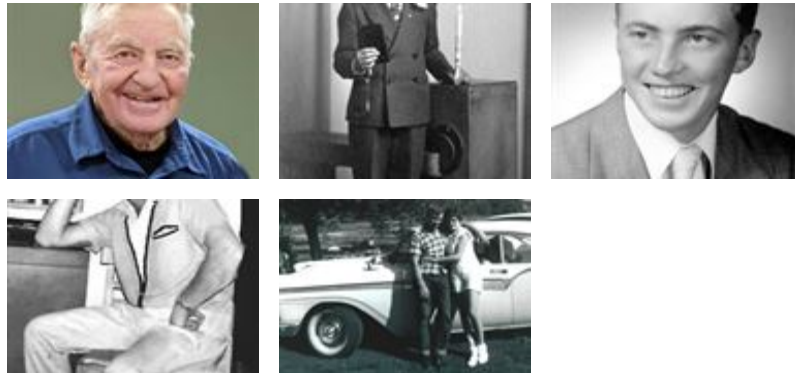
DH

“ *What a Jack, what a guy!  
We will definitely miss being together at the Richter home over the years with Judy and Jack & brothers and sisters of Judy and Jack for a wonderful meal and dessert! Jack always had something to say....and always a few jokes that he had seen somewhere by reading! We will miss him tremendously.*

Diane M Hahn - January 04, 2025 at 01:05 PM



“ 46 files added to the album Life Tributes



Schuller Family Funeral Homes - January 04, 2025 at 12:17 PM

MF

“ Marie Fraune sent a virtual gift in memory of John "Jack" Richter



Marie Fraune - January 04, 2025 at 11:29 AM

GD

“ My condolences to the family. Jack was a great guy and a very kind person. You will be missed Uncle Jack 🙏🙏



Gene & Mary Denny - January 04, 2025 at 11:11 AM

MS

“ Mike and Lea Snyder lit a candle in memory of John "Jack" Richter



Mike and Lea Snyder - January 04, 2025 at 10:22 AM

CG

“ Cary & Diana Goeden lit a candle in memory of John "Jack" Richter



Cary & Diana Goeden - January 04, 2025 at 10:17 AM

LB

“ Lucille Belch lit a candle in memory of John "Jack" Richter



Lucille Belch - January 04, 2025 at 09:49 AM

PA

“ Jack was such an awesome man full of fun jokes every time I saw him. He was such a kind man and will be greatly missed ❤️

polly anderson - January 04, 2025 at 09:15 AM

SE

“ Sheila (Mudek) Erickson lit a candle in memory of John "Jack" Richter



Sheila (Mudek) Erickson - January 04, 2025 at 09:11 AM

DM

“ Dixie Murray lit a candle in memory of John "Jack" Richter



Dixie Murray - January 03, 2025 at 11:28 PM

 Kathy Hastings

“ Kathy Hastings lit a candle in memory of John "Jack" Richter



Kathy Hastings - January 03, 2025 at 11:25 PM

BB

“ Barbara J Brown sent a virtual gift in memory of John "Jack" Richter



Barbara J Brown - January 03, 2025 at 10:24 PM

LM

“ *Linda McIntire lit a candle in memory of John "Jack" Richter*



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**Linda McIntire** - January 03, 2025 at 10:07 PM

SD

“ *My deepest condolences to the whole Jack Richter family, for I grew up with a few of you. My heart hurts for you.. ☐ to you all!*



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**Shelly Dukowitz** - January 03, 2025 at 09:53 PM

MA

“ *Marladene lit a candle in memory of John "Jack" Richter*



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**Marladene** - January 03, 2025 at 09:28 PM

BD

“ *Bob and Kathy Derby lit a candle in memory of John "Jack" Richter*



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**Bob and Kathy Derby** - January 03, 2025 at 09:17 PM

MD

“ Margaret Dukowitz lit a candle in memory of John "Jack" Richter



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**Margaret Dukowitz** - January 03, 2025 at 08:20 PM

JJ

“ Jon Johnson lit a candle in memory of John "Jack" Richter



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**Jon Johnson** - January 03, 2025 at 06:29 PM

LH

“ Leo Haisman lit a candle in memory of John "Jack" Richter



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**LEO . HAISMAN** - January 03, 2025 at 05:50 PM

AM

“ Alan and Shirley Malone lit a candle in memory of John "Jack" Richter



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**Alan and Shirley Malone** - January 03, 2025 at 05:24 PM



“ *Magnificent Life Spray was purchased for the family of John "Jack" Richter.*



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January 03, 2025 at 04:47 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of John "Jack" Richter.

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January 03, 2025 at 04:47 PM



“ *Anita Beringer lit a candle in memory of John "Jack" Richter*



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**Anita Beringer** - January 03, 2025 at 04:30 PM



“ *Many great memories of Uncle Jack. He was always a great conversationalist. I'm sure there are many others who feel the same way about him. You could sit and talk to him about anything. Our sympathy goes out the whole family!*

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**Eric and Kim Roggenkamp** - January 03, 2025 at 04:07 PM

RO

“ Rosemary Oberg lit a candle in memory of John "Jack" Richter



Rosemary Oberg - January 03, 2025 at 03:07 PM

CR

“ One of my favorite memories of Uncle Jack was when he was still a bachelor. I spent a lot of my summer with him working on the farm. He packed us lunches: sandwiches in an ice cream pail and kool aid in a one gallon pickle jar that we all shared to drink from! Supper was hot dogs and Van Camp pork and beans. He is also responsible for getting me hooked on Ford tractors! Uncle Jack, you will be missed. Gary & Cindy Richter

Cindy Richter - January 03, 2025 at 03:02 PM

JA

Great story, Cindy!

Jackie - January 03, 2025 at 10:12 PM

BS

“ Bruce and Trish Steinkopf lit a candle in memory of John "Jack" Richter



Bruce and Trish Steinkopf - January 03, 2025 at 02:50 PM