



Richard Langer

October 15, 1934 - February 6, 2021

The Mass of the Christian burial for Richard Langer, of Wadena, will be celebrated at 11:00 a.m. on Wednesday, February 10, at St. Ann's Catholic Church in Wadena, with Father Aaron Kuhn as celebrant. A public visitation will be held at the church on Wednesday from 9:30 a.m. until the time of Mass. A Rosary will also begin at 9:30 a.m.

Richard, age 86, passed away on Saturday, February 6, 2021, at Ecumen Care Center in Detroit Lakes, MN, with the love and care of his family and Ethos Hospice.

Richard was born, the fifth child of nine, to Joseph and Olivia (Zahler) Langer on October 15, 1934, at their home in Bluffton, MN. He graduated with the Wadena High School Class of 1952, and later served as a Private in the US Army from June 1956 until his honorable discharge in 1958. A year later, on May 11, 1959, Rich was united in marriage with Mary Magdalen Hoffarth at St. Ann's Catholic Church in Wadena.

Rich took up the trade of carpentry, building several homes in the Wadena area. His craftsmanship for cabinet making has been admired over the years by numerous people. Working with wood and creating various items was a life-long passion. Rich was a steward of the earth when planting trees at the home he shared with his wife. He enjoyed watching and feeding birds along

with other wildlife. In hours away from work, he liked to play cards with family and friends, and being an armchair coach while watching college sports; especially Minnesota Gophers! Rich was an usher at St. Ann's Catholic Church, served on the parish council, and was a member of Catholic Aid and the Wadena Elks Lodge.

Being a loving husband and dedicated father and grandfather was his most important role in life. He loved spending time with his family and will be deeply missed every day.

Preceding Rich in death were his parents Joseph and Olivia; siblings Reinhold (Isabelle) Langer, Sister Lydia Langer and Bernadette (Arlan) King; and brothers-in-law Rich Geiser and Ron Corbett.

Memories of Rich will be treasured by his beloved wife of over 61 years, Mary; children Debra (Brad) Ellingworth and Mark Langer both of Wadena, Paul Langer of Beulah, ND, Lori (Kameron) Koch of Walker, and Diane (Brian) Herding of West Fargo, ND; grandchildren, Warren (April) Ellingworth, Jacob Ellingworth (Brittany Rapp), Aaron (Elizabeth) Ellingworth, Tyler and Rylie Langer, Matthew and Olivia Koch, and great-grandson Everett Ellingworth; siblings Agnes Geiser of Bluffton, Irene Corbett of Wadena, Alfred (Barbara) Langer of Grand Forks, ND, Ben (Zee) Langer of Beverly Hills, FL, and Leo (Helen) Langer of Marshall, MN; along with extended family and a host of friends and neighbors.

Honorary pallbearers will be Rich's grandchildren and great-grandchild.

Serving as pallbearers will be Warren Ellingworth, Jacob Ellingworth, Aaron Ellingworth, Matthew Koch, Jeff King, Chris King and Dennis Geiser.

Burial will be in Calvary Cemetery, Wadena, MN.

Cemetery Details

Calvary Cemetery

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

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB 10. 9:30 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

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

Service

FEB 10. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (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 Richard Langer



Schuller Family Funeral Homes - February 09, 2021 at 11:56 AM

KR

I am truly sorry for your loss...He was a great man

Karla ruter - February 09, 2021 at 09:31 PM

KV

“ Mary & Family When I worked at the Merickel Hardware store Rich was always quick to flash a smile and ask about my folks. It brings fond memories of the Langer clan mostly filling up a whole pew all those Sunday. Bet there are some good cribbage games being played in heaven now!

Ken Vandenberghe - February 25, 2021 at 02:07 AM



“ Condolence Snacks was purchased for the family of Richard Langer.



February 17, 2021 at 11:29 PM

DW

“ Sending healing prayers and comforting hugs to you Mary and family. I am so sorry for your loss. You guys used to be our great neighbors across from the Motel. Rich had done so many carpentry jobs for my mom and dad. He had great talent at his woodworking skills and I probably learned a few things from him by watching. Rich will be greatly missed by all who knew him!!
With Sympathy, Don Wagener

Donald Wagener - February 15, 2021 at 04:11 PM

LS

“ Lea And Mike Snyder lit a candle in memory of Richard Langer



Lea and Mike Snyder - February 13, 2021 at 03:12 PM

DT

“ David & Norie Trout lit a candle in memory of Richard Langer



David & Norie Trout - February 12, 2021 at 08:22 PM

TB

“ Tom And Joan Brauch lit a candle in memory of Richard Langer



Tom and Joan Brauch - February 12, 2021 at 08:10 PM

RB

“ *Ray And Dorothy Beyer lit a candle in memory of Richard Langer*



Ray and Dorothy Beyer - February 12, 2021 at 12:00 PM

AS

“ *AL & PAT SCHWARTZ lit a candle in memory of Richard Langer*



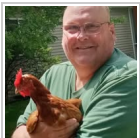
AL & PAT SCHWARTZ - February 10, 2021 at 06:11 PM

HA

“ *Mary and family, so sorry to hear about Rich. I didn't know him very well, but know you quite well. He built an entertainment center for my son about 35 years ago and he is still using it. We will be praying for all of you.*



Helen Allee - February 10, 2021 at 11:33 AM



“ *Rich has been my neighbor for many many years. He was always a nice guy always used to do his walks all the time. It's always busy working in the shop making something or cutting wood. When I would do my walks I'd stop in and visit them always interesting to talk to. He will be missed there's no doubt*

Scott Kern - February 09, 2021 at 10:21 PM

DF

“ *Dave & Sharon Folkestad lit a candle in memory of Richard Langer*



Dave & Sharon Folkestad - February 09, 2021 at 06:18 PM

DP

“ *Dianne B Poncelet purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Richard Langer.*



Dianne B Poncelet - February 09, 2021 at 02:08 PM

DB

“ *Uncle Dick was such a strong and kind man. I will never forget the time he was burned so badly and he never complained and came out of the whole ordeal victorious. When visiting my grandparents in Wadena, I was also able to visit Mac and him as they lived so close. His kindness to me, my grandparents and others was so evident. Dick will be greatly missed by all who knew him. Thoughts and prayers for his family during this difficult time. ~Darlene Bondley~*

Darlene Bondley - February 09, 2021 at 12:55 PM

CL

“ *Thinking of you and your family, Mary. Sending love and and a special "eyelash" hug.
Your cousin, Carol Ann Kleinschmidt Larson*

Carol A Larson - February 09, 2021 at 12:04 PM



“ 53 files added to the album Life Tributes



Schuller Family Funeral Homes - February 09, 2021 at 11:52 AM

EL

“ Our deepest sympathy. Rich was a lovely man with a positive and generous smile. We pray that Peace will be with each of you as it is with Rich in his Eternal home.



Elaine and Paul Lorentz - February 09, 2021 at 09:15 AM

JF

“ Joe Panerio-Langer and Family purchased the A Full Life for the family of Richard Langer.



Joe Panerio-Langer and Family - February 09, 2021 at 08:27 AM

JS

“ Jim & Tracey Stoneman lit a candle in memory of Richard Langer



Jim & Tracey Stoneman - February 09, 2021 at 06:26 AM

NJ

“ Rich built my family’s home back in the early 70”s. He was a master builder, yet always had time to answer a child’s “whatcha doing?” questions at the constitution site. He was a gentle man who went through such tough times. With a smile on his face- he persevered and showed us all the meanings of faith 🙏 Rest In Peace Rich.

Nancy Johnson - February 09, 2021 at 01:48 AM

NJ

“ Nancy Johnson lit a candle in memory of Richard Langer



Nancy Johnson - February 09, 2021 at 01:04 AM

SR

“ We have fond memories of " Day- care Grandpa Rich" He and Grandma Mary always made us feel special. Hugs to all.

Stacy & Sara Richter - February 08, 2021 at 10:41 PM

MA

“ *Our deepest sympathy to you Mary and all of your family.
Margaret & Peter*

Margaret - February 08, 2021 at 09:49 PM

ME

“ *Margaret & Peter Van Erp lit a candle in
memory of Richard Langer*



Margaret & Peter Van Erp - February 08, 2021 at 09:48 PM

FL

“ *So many wonderful memories through the
years! I remember his love of feeding the birds
and he had so many in his yard. I know he kept
a list of them. When I visited I too enjoyed
them. A very special brothe-in-law. He loved his
family and God! Rest in piece!*



Florene LaFrance - February 08, 2021 at 09:18 PM

GW

“ *Glen Donna Wood lit a candle in memory of
Richard Langer*



Glen Donna Wood - February 08, 2021 at 08:15 PM

SO

“ *Sharyl Olson lit a candle in memory of Richard Langer*



Sharyl Olson - February 08, 2021 at 08:12 PM



“ *Nancy Peterson lit a candle in memory of Richard Langer*



Nancy Peterson - February 08, 2021 at 07:46 PM

SR

“ *My prayers go out to Mary and the Langer family on the loss of such a good man. My parents (Vince and Vera Wegscheid) really enjoyed Rich and Mary. Dad and Rich spent quite a few hours together fixing things up and sharing a few stories. Rest in peace, Rich.*

Susan Rumpca - February 08, 2021 at 07:39 PM

BR

“ *Brenda & Mark Reger lit a candle in memory of Richard Langer*



Brenda & Mark Reger - February 08, 2021 at 06:30 PM

JB

“ Rest in peace, dear Rich. I have been patiently waiting for us to be able to go to adoration again. You and I enjoyed each other's company every Wednesday morning at 7 a.m. I will certainly miss you when we are able to start again. Will remember you with pleasant thoughts and prayers.



Joyce Boyne - February 08, 2021 at 04:23 PM

IB

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with the family.



Irene & Jerry Baron - February 08, 2021 at 04:19 PM

DS

“ Dan And Deb Sweere lit a candle in memory of Richard Langer



Dan and Deb Sweere - February 08, 2021 at 04:00 PM

DR

“ David & Barb Rousslang lit a candle in memory of Richard Langer



david & barb rousslang - February 08, 2021 at 02:58 PM

BH

“ *Bob & Donna Haman sent a virtual gift in memory of Richard Langer*



Bob & Donna Haman - February 08, 2021 at 02:53 PM

PT

“ *Phil And Barb Thoennes lit a candle in memory of Richard Langer*



Phil and Barb Thoennes - February 08, 2021 at 01:45 PM

MH

“ *Richard was a member of the Bluffton kids when I (Marge) was gawning up. He was also a classmate of Harry's. Bluffton kids will always leave a good spot in us Bluffton Kids heart. May God be with him with peace, and also with You, Mary and your family as you start a new chapter of you lives.*

Harry and Marge Harrison

Marjorie and Harry Harrison - February 08, 2021 at 01:35 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Richard Langer.*



February 08, 2021 at 01:31 PM

MH

“ *Marjorie And Harry Harrison lit a candle in memory of Richard Langer*



Marjorie and Harry Harrison - February 08, 2021 at 01:30 PM

LW

“ *Laurie Krueger And Mag Wallgren lit a candle in memory of Richard Langer*



Laurie Krueger and Mag Wallgren - February 08, 2021 at 01:18 PM

GK

“ *Thinking of you and wishing you peace and comfort.*



Greg and Linda Kasper - February 08, 2021 at 01:06 PM

EF

“ *Esther And Alan Freitag lit a candle in memory of Richard Langer*



Esther and Alan Freitag - February 08, 2021 at 12:09 PM

MH

“ *Marladene Heinen lit a candle in memory of Richard Langer*



Marladene Heinen - February 08, 2021 at 12:07 PM



“ *Treasured Lilies Spray was purchased for the family of Richard Langer.*



February 08, 2021 at 12:01 PM

DS

“ *David Seaton lit a candle in memory of Richard Langer*



David Seaton - February 08, 2021 at 11:59 AM

JE

“ *Hugs to Mary and family.*



Judy Erdahl - February 08, 2021 at 11:42 AM



“ *Marci King lit a candle in memory of Richard Langer*



Marci King - February 08, 2021 at 11:14 AM



“ *Mary and Family,
We have such wonderful memories of Rich's good humor, kindness, gentle spirit, and extreme skill and artistry that we saw every day for nine months as he was building our perfect house in 1975! Such a perfectionist he was.
We are grateful that we walked the same path with Rich and are still enjoying our perfect home! Rich leaves a legacy of a life well lived.*

Marilyn Nervig - February 08, 2021 at 11:06 AM



“ *Allen & Donna Schmitz sent a virtual gift in memory of Richard Langer*



Allen & Donna Schmitz - February 08, 2021 at 10:59 AM



“ *Lois Stelflug lit a candle in memory of Richard Langer*



Lois Stelflug - February 08, 2021 at 10:55 AM



“ Marilyn Nervig lit a candle in memory of Richard Langer



Marilyn Nervig - February 08, 2021 at 10:44 AM



“ Marilyn And Jim Vorderbruggen lit a candle in memory of Richard Langer



Marilyn and Jim Vorderbruggen - February 08, 2021 at 10:07 AM



“ Mary and family, condolences to all in the loss of Rich. He will be missed by many. One of the best carpenters in the area and also involved in so much at St Ann’s. May he Rest In Peace.
~Marie



Marie Fraune - February 08, 2021 at 10:00 AM



“ Larry And Virginia Beaver lit a candle in memory of Richard Langer



Larry and Virginia Beaver - February 08, 2021 at 09:45 AM

RJ

“ *Rose Johnson lit a candle in memory of Richard Langer*



Rose Johnson - February 08, 2021 at 09:36 AM

RJ

“ *Mary and family- Rich was a great guy and a great carpenter. So many houses built by him, including ours. He will always be remembered. May God bless you with his comforting love. We will all miss him.*

Rose Johnson - February 08, 2021 at 09:34 AM

RY

“ *Rick & Linda Youngbauer lit a candle in memory of Richard Langer*



Rick & Linda Youngbauer - February 08, 2021 at 09:32 AM

T#

“ *The Members Of Wadena Elks Lodge #2386 lit a candle in memory of Richard Langer*



The Members of Wadena Elks Lodge #2386 - February 08, 2021 at 09:31 AM

JR

“ *Jack & Judy Richter lit a candle in memory of Richard Langer*



Jack & Judy Richter - February 08, 2021 at 09:09 AM

Ben Tellers

“ *Ben Tellers lit a candle in memory of Richard Langer*



Ben Tellers - February 08, 2021 at 08:23 AM

MW

“ *Myron And Karen Winkelman lit a candle in memory of Richard Langer*



Myron and Karen Winkelman - February 08, 2021 at 08:12 AM

JJ

“ *Jon Johnson lit a candle in memory of Richard Langer*



Jon Johnson - February 08, 2021 at 07:57 AM

KB

“ *Kelly Bain lit a candle in memory of Richard Langer*



Kelly Bain - February 08, 2021 at 07:05 AM

CG

“ *Cary & Diana Goeden lit a candle in memory of Richard Langer*



Cary & Diana Goeden - February 08, 2021 at 05:40 AM

SW

“ *Scott And Jill Wanous lit a candle in memory of Richard Langer*



Scott and Jill Wanous - February 07, 2021 at 09:57 PM



“ *Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Richard Langer.*



February 07, 2021 at 08:57 PM

BB

“ *Bruce And Barb Brown lit a candle in memory of Richard Langer*



Bruce and Barb Brown - February 07, 2021 at 08:12 PM

JB

“ *Jack & Lucille Belch lit a candle in memory of Richard Langer*



Jack & Lucille Belch - February 07, 2021 at 07:53 PM



“ *Kelly Lorentz lit a candle in memory of Richard Langer*



Kelly Lorentz - February 07, 2021 at 07:30 PM

GD

“ *Prayers for comfort during this difficult time.*



George & Julie Deiss - February 07, 2021 at 07:28 PM

SW

“ Steve & Ellen Wallgren sent a virtual gift in memory of Richard Langer



Steve & Ellen Wallgren - February 07, 2021 at 07:16 PM

BB

“ Brian Berg lit a candle in memory of Richard Langer



Brian Berg - February 07, 2021 at 06:49 PM

JB

“ DEEPEST SYMPATHY TO YOU MARY AND THE FAMILY// HE WAS SUCH A SUPER NICE PERSON AND WILL BE MISSED...THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS FOR YOU ALL

J BREUER; - February 07, 2021 at 06:43 PM



“ Rocky Reese lit a candle in memory of Richard Langer



Rocky Reese - February 07, 2021 at 06:43 PM

RB

“ so very sorry about your loss

ricky berg - February 07, 2021 at 06:35 PM

AA

“ RIP good neighbor will miss seeing you walk by when weather warms!



Arlis Andrews - February 07, 2021 at 06:31 PM

TL

“ Tim, Brenda, Ashley And Anna Lorentz lit a candle in memory of Richard Langer



Tim, Brenda, Ashley and Anna Lorentz - February 07, 2021 at 05:23 PM



“ Remembering the good visits we had including fishing trips



Gladys Chase - February 07, 2021 at 04:08 PM

KA

Remembering my love and prayers to the family.

Kathy Angus - February 07, 2021 at 07:35 PM