



Richard Allen Scofield, Sr.

March 16, 2016

Scofield, Richard Allen, Sr. Age 81. Resided in St. Anthony Village, MN. Born: December 14, 1934, in Minot, ND. Deceased: March 16, 2016. Affectionately known as "The Rat", Richard was the tenth child of 21 children born to Clarence Scofield and Dorothy (Davidson) Scofield. He attended Devils Lake School for the Deaf in Devils Lake, ND, where he graduated with honors. A talented athlete, Richard is enshrined in his school's Hall of Fame for his accomplishments. At age 15, Richard met Bertha Ziegler (of Orrin, ND) at Devils Lake School for the Deaf. Together forever from that day forward, they were married July 4, 1957, in Minot, ND. In January of 1959, their first daughter, Cindy Jean, was born. In 1960, their son, Richard Jr., was born followed by the birth of their second daughter, Bonita Lucy, in 1961. Richard and Bertha moved to Minot, ND, in 1963, where Richard began a lifelong career in the printing business. Their family moved to Minnesota shortly thereafter so that Richard could continue his career with the Minneapolis Tribune. Richard retired from the StarTribune in 1997. A jack of all trades, who seemingly could pick up a book and read about anything and then do it, Richard had many talents and passions: woodworking, sports, bowling, fishing, camping and gardening. Perhaps his greatest passion was computer technology. He shared it with many - always helping them, while insisting that "I can fix it but I will only accept cookies as payment." Richard was preceded in death by daughter Cindy Jean, parents Clarence and Dorothy as well as siblings Jack, Dorothy, Peter, Izetta, Blaine, Roscoe, Irene, Roger, Illadell,

Edgar, Herbert, Donald, Henry and Barbara. Richard is survived by his beloved wife Bertha, son Richard Jr. and his long-time partner Jerome, daughter Bonita (Ferry) and her husband Paul, loving grandchildren Samantha Scofield, Emily (Scofield) and Patrick Gordon, Stephanie Reiss, Jessica Reiss, and Michael Reiss, step-grandchildren Alec and Michael Ferry and great grandchildren Lilly, Jaelynn, Stevie and June. He is also survived by siblings, Dennis, Robert (Dena), Jeanie (Jack Garcia), James (Ursula), Daniel, David and in-laws Jennie, John, Liz, Tony (Diana), Agnes, Joe (Cindy), Leroy and many nieces, nephews, cousins and friends. Memorial services for Richard Allen Scofield are being held on Friday, April 1st, at 2:00 PM at John P. Murzyn Hall, 530 Mill Street NE, Columbia Heights, MN. After the memorial service, a meal will be served.