



Richard Laverne Trail

September 6, 1933 - June 26, 2022

TRAIL, RICHARD LAVERNE, passed away peacefully, surrounded by family and support staff at Park River Estates Care Center in Coon Rapids, MN on June 26, 2022 at the age of 88. He was born on September 6, 1933 in Albert Lea, MN to parents Frank and Gunhilde (Dahle) Trail. He was the eldest of eight children. The family moved to Dalbo, MN when he was still young, where he worked on the farm and attended the Salem Lutheran Church of Dalbo. There he found a faith that carried him through the many challenges of his long, adventurous life. At age 18 he met the love of his life, Shirley Ruth Bastian. He was drafted into the Army during the Korean conflict, where he served two years. Thankfully, he never witnessed the horror of war, but always credited the Army with making him a man (Hoo-rah!). After being discharged from the Army, Richard and Shirley married on October 8, 1955. Together they created a family with four children. Richard was a curious person, with many interests, especially science, and he loved to discuss the latest discovery on Earth or beyond. He loved interacting with people, and as a salesman, building contractor, farmer, or realtor, prided himself in providing honest and high quality service. He had the gift of gab, putting others at ease with his listening skills and famous sense of humor. Above all else, he valued family, and worked sometimes day and night to provide the best life he could for his wife and children, who never knew want, even in tough times. Richard is preceded in death by his parents and siblings Bonnie, Ray, Robert, Barbara, and Betty. He is survived by wife Shirley, children Katherine Hilgart, Patricia

(Tom) Johnson, Donald (Tina) Trail, Charles (Stacey) Trail, siblings Ronald (Terri) Trail, Beverlee (Virgil) Dahlke, grandchildren Jessica Hilgart, Matthew and Ross Johnson, Jacob and Aden Trail, as well as a very large extended family and many friends. Richard is sorely missed, and will be remembered always for being a loving son, brother, husband, father, grandfather, and friend. A Celebration of Life will be held at the Salem Lutheran Church of Dalbo, MN on July 23, 2022, with visitation starting at 11am, followed by the service at Noon with a luncheon immediately following. The family welcomes all to share fond memories in the online guest book.