



Richard Walter Willhaus

April 9, 1942 - June 8, 2022

Willhaus, Richard W. age 80, of Akeley, MN, passed on June 8th, 2022. Preceded in death by parents. Born April 9th, 1942 in Charles City, IA to Tena and Richard Willhaus. Rich graduated from Owatonna High School in 1959 and became a farm boy turned scientist. He worked at Control Data and eventually transferred to Medtronic, where he was awarded patents on his work with cardio devices. Upon his retirement in 2003, he built and designed his dream home up on Eleventh Crow Wing, of which he called "God's Country". Rich and his wife, Dorothy, were married for, "57 years and counting". They raised two children, Rick and Kristin, and Rich coached baseball throughout their childhood. Rich enjoyed the Lone Ranger, Corvette trips, The Bold and The Beautiful, and living up north. He loved being a father and grandpa; his greatest love being his wife. Rich is survived by his wife, children, and grandchildren (Caressa, Nate, Lauren, and AJ). A memorial service will be held later this summer, details to follow.