

Roland P. Friezen, age 86, of Cathay, ND, passed away peacefully the morning of November 2, 2020, with his loving wife of nearly 65 years by his side.

Roland was born on February 15, 1934, in Carrington, ND. He was the first child of Peter and Kathryn (Kieffer) Friezen.

Roland grew up on the family farm in rural Cathay. He attended country school and finished his high school education in Sykeston in 1951. After high school, he farmed with his father until enlisting in the United States Navy. He served aboard the USS Vesuvius (AE-15) during the Korean War. He was on leave from the Navy when he married the love of his life, Laura J. Eaton, on November 17, 1955, at St. Elizabeth's Catholic Church in Sykeston. Shortly after, they left for California.

Following his release from active duty, Roland received his college education at California State Polytechnic University in Pomona, where he graduated with honors with a degree in Animal Science. While in Pomona, he worked for Southern California Edison Power Company. After leaving California, Roland worked for the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) in Grants Pass and Pendleton, Oregon. He returned to the family farm in 1968, where he raised his family, farmed, and was a US rural mail carrier. He retired in 1999.

Roland was very community oriented. He served on many boards including school, church, township, and fire department. He was an avid league bowler for 52 consecutive years. He enjoyed golfing, watching sports, and attending all of his children's activities. Above all, his family was his pride and joy. He will be forever cherished and greatly missed.

Roland is survived by his wife Laura; five sons and two daughters. Timothy (Lori) Friezen, Grand Forks, ND, Thomas (Della) Friezen, Tucson, AZ, Kenneth Friezen, Mountain Home, ID, Kathryn (Robert) Hoffert, Grand Forks, ND, Patricia (Robert) Walton, Fargo, ND, Daniel (Erin) Friezen, West Fargo, ND, and Jonathan (Rosemary) Friezen, Cathay, ND. He is also survived by 10 grandchildren; 14 great-grandchildren; sister Marlys Miller, West Fargo, ND; brother Gerald (Evelyn) Friezen, Brookings, SD, and brother Alan (Beth) Friezen, Fargo, ND.

He was preceded in death by his parents, grandparents, many aunts, uncles, cousins, brothers-in-law, and sisters-in-law.

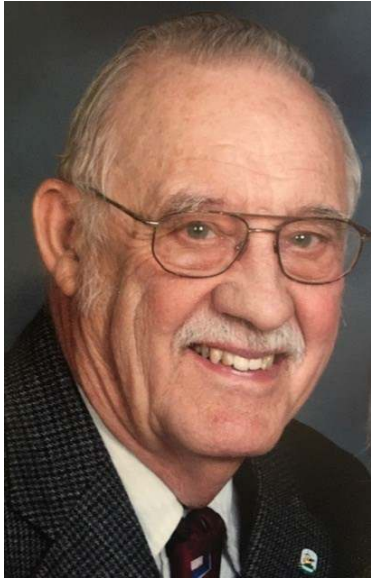
In lieu of flowers, please remit memorials to:

Sanford Neuroscience Clinic, 700 1st Avenue South, Fargo, ND 58103

Sanford Roger Maris Cancer Center, 820 4th Street North, Fargo, ND 58102

St. Elizabeth's Cemetery, 21 Anson Avenue NE, Sykeston, ND





Final Harvest

He was bound to the land from the day of his birth
His roots anchored deep in the fertile earth
Nurtured, sustained, by the soil he grew
And his life, like his furrows, ran straight and true.

In faith, each spring, he planted the seeds
In hope, to reap his family's needs
With patience, he waited for the harvest to come
To gather the fruits of his labor home.

Ever turning seasons, the years sped past
Till the final harvest came at last
Then claimed anew by beloved sod
He was gathered home to be with God.

- Barbara W. Weber

In Loving Memory of

Roland Peter Friezen

February 15, 1934 - Carrington, ND
November 2, 2020 - New Rockford, ND

ROSARY / VIGIL SERVICE

Friday, November 6, 2020 ~ 6:45PM Rosary & 7:00PM Vigil Service
Evans Funeral Home, Carrington, ND

MASS OF CHRISTIAN BURIAL

Saturday, November 7, 2020 ~ 10:30AM
St. Elizabeth's Catholic Church, Sykeston, ND

OFFICIATING

Father Pfau

SPECIAL MUSIC

St. Elizabeth's Celebration Singers

PALLBEAERS

Timothy Friezen ~ Thomas Friezen ~ Kenneth Friezen
Daniel Friezen ~ Jonathan Friezen ~ Robert Hoffert

BURIAL

St. Elizabeth's Catholic Cemetery
Sykeston, ND

MILITARY HONORS

United States Navy Funeral Honors Team &
Bourke-Hollingsworth American Legion Post No 17

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Evans Funeral Home - Carrington & New Rockford, ND

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