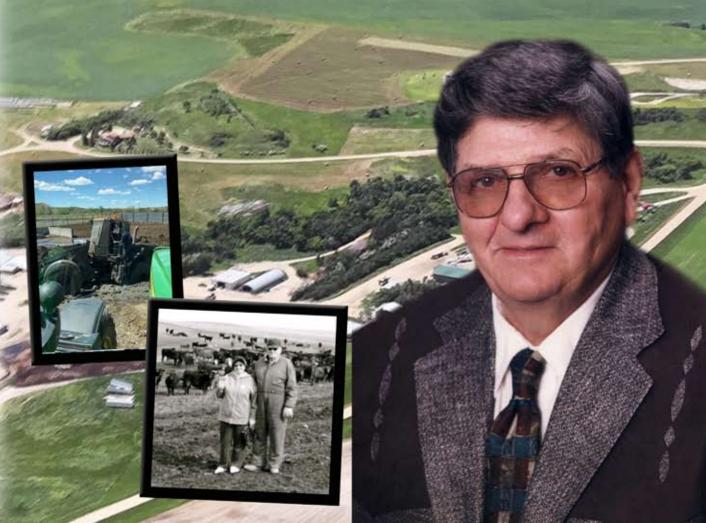
Phillip Messer was born February 8, 1929 in Richardton, North Dakota to Phillip and Barbara (Martin) Messer. He grew up on the family farm south of Richardton and attended country school through the eighth grade. He worked on the family farm alongside his dad until he met Betty. The couple married May 22, 1951 at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Richardton. Together, Phillip and Betty made their home on a ranch south of Richardton along the Beaver Creek. It was there they raised their children and continued to make their home. In his younger years Phillip was a member of a band and enjoyed playing the accordion and organ. He was known to be a man of integrity. Phillip was a member of the Lions Club, Zoning Board, Stark County Weed Control, Knights of Columbus, Richardton School Board for 26 years and Richardton Health Care for 41 years. He also served on the Medcenter One board of directors, and was selected as farmer/rancher of the year by the Soil Conservation. He was a lifetime member of St. Mary's Catholic Church and Richardton Saddle Club. Phillip always had a lesson to teach, especially to his grandchildren. "He was a man who led by example. He had his priorities straight; faith, family, farming and ranching. He believed in making a difference and not just being a bystander but taking part in his community and everyone's community. Always smiling, had a joke and loved bigger than any man I know. A great dad, great-grandfather, great-greatgrandfather and great-great-great-grandfather." Phillip is survived by her children, Barb Ruhland of Watkins, MN, Pat (Lyndia) Messer of Cromwell, MN, Randi Messer Schaeffer of Bismarck, ND, Mark (Carol) Messer of Richardton, Jerome "Jerry" (Deb) Messer of Richardton, Fritz (Karen) Messer of Cheyenne, WY, Vickie (Wade) Entze of Golden Valley, ND, Margie (Aron) May of Glenwood, MN,

Greg (Dori) Messer of Richardton, Tina Akins of Cheyenne, WY, and Scott (Lisa Scott) Messer of Richardton; siblings, Barbara (Eleanor) Hoff of Richardton, Aurillia Reed of TX, and Setona Gartner of Germany; 43 grandchildren and 78 great-grandchildren, with several on the way. He was preceded in death by his parents, Phillip and Barbara Messer; wife, Betty; sons-in-law, Larry Ruhland and Christopher Schaeffer; brother-in-law, Robert Schmalenberger; grandson, Jason Ruhland; great grandson, Gabriel Olson; grandson-in-law, Todd Lundquist; and siblings, Sally, Lina, Hellen, Paul, Ralph, George, and Tony.

Phillip
Messer
February 8, 1929 - December 12, 2019





PEARLS OF WISDOM BY: BETTY MESSER

MAY WE TREAT ONE ANOTHER WITH RESPECT, HONESTY, AND CARE, FOR THAT IS THE ONLY WAY WE WILL EVER GROW TOGETHER.

MAY WE SHARE THE LITTLE DISCOVERIES AND CHANGES THAT EACH DAY BRINGS,

REMEMBERING THAT EACH ONE OF US HAS SOME-THING TO SAY AND LISTENING IS

IMPORTANT TOO. MAY WE TRY ALWAYS TO BE
SENSITIVE TO ONE ANOTHERS JOYS, SORROWS,
NEEDS AND CHANGING MOODS AND REALIZE
THAT BEING A LOVING FAMILY MEANS SOMETIMES
NOT UNDERSTANDING EVERYONE ALL THE TIME
BUT BEING THERE TO LOVE AND HELP THEM JUST
THE SAME AND TRYING TO TREAT
ALL EQUAL AND FAIR EVEN THOUGH IT DOESN'T



SEEM LIKE THAT AT TIMES.



PHILLIP MESSER

FUNERAL MASS:

Tuesday, December 17, 2019 9:30 a.m. St. Mary's Catholic Church Richardton, North Dakota

ROSARY & VIGIL SERVICE:

Monday, December 16, 2019 6:00 p.m. Stevenson Funeral Home Dickinson, North Dakota Rosary: Deacon Bob Stockert

CELEBRATING:

Father Thomas Wordekemper, OSB

READER:

George Wald

MUSIC:

Barb Bemis Jay Hepperle

GIFT BEARERS:

Barb Ruhland Randi Schaeffer Vicki Entze Margie May Tina Akins

PALLBEARERS:

Pat Messer Mark Messer
Jerome Messer Fritz Messer
Greg Messer Scott Messer

INTERMENT:

St. Mary's Catholic Cemetery Richardton, North Dakota

ARRANGEMENTS BY:

Stevenson Funeral Home Dickinson, North Dakota

Lunch will be served at St. Mary's Social Center following the graveside service.

Everyone is welcome.