Laudie Albert Kostelecky was born on July 28, 1926 in rural Dunn County, the son of Steve and Agnes (Urbanec) Kostelecky. As a young boy, he grew up on a farm north of Dickinson. He attended New Hradec School through the eighth grade. At the age of 18, Laudie became a soldier in the US Army and was later discharged to return home to help out on the family farm. On October 15, 1947, Laudie married Edith Kralicek and they lived on the family farm for a short time before moving into Dickinson. Their marriage was blessed with son, Harlan and daughter, Jamie. Laudie worked as a mail carrier for over thirty years. Following his retirement, he drove vans transporting railroad crews to and from the depo. In 2016, Laudie became a resident at Benedict Court, later moving into St. Benedict's Health Center in 2018. His final home since 2019 was Hill Top Home of Comfort in Killdeer. Laudie enjoyed gardening, spending time at the lake, fishing, grilling and sitting on his back deck outside. He especially loved spending time with his grandkids and great-grandkids, never missing any of their sporting events. Laudie was a member of the Eagles, Knights of Columbus and St. Patrick's Catholic Church. Laudie is survived by his daughter, Jamie (Greg) Armitage of Killdeer; daughter-in-law, Kristy (Neil) Cross of WY; four grandchildren, Christopher (Tera) Kostelecky of NE, Jennifer (Brandon) Grover of MN, Holly (Brad) Schmidt of Manning, Josh (Markie) Armitage of Dickinson; five greatgrandchildren and one on the way; brother, Don Kostelecky of MT; sister-in-law, Josie Kralicek of Dickinson. He was preceded in death by his parents, Steve and Agnes; wife, Edith (2005); son, Harlan; grandson Sean; sister, Lillian; many brother and sister in-laws.

Laudie Kostelecky July 28, 1926 - April 13, 2020





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FUNERAL MASS: Wednesday, April 29, 2020 10:00 a.m. St. Patrick's Catholic Church Dickinson, North Dakota

> **CELEBRATING:** Father Bill Ruelle

> > MUSIC: Sandy Tibor

PALLBEARERS:

Josh Armitage Je Holly Schmidt Bra Chris Kostelecky

Jenn Grover Brad Schmidt

INTERMENT:

Wednesday, April 29, 2020 2:00 p.m. CT North Dakota Veterans Cemetery Mandan, North Dakota Monsignor Gene Lindeman

> ARRANGEMENTS BY: Stevenson Funeral Home

Dickinson, North Dakota

God saw he was getting tired, And a cure was not to be, So He put His arms around him, And whispered, "Come with me."

With tearful eyes we watched him suffer and saw him fade away. Although we loved him dearly, We could not make him stay.

A golden heart stopped beating, Hard-working hands to rest; God broke our hearts to prove to us He only takes the best.