

Richard LeRoy Halterman was born on September 3, 1930, in Maxwell, Iowa, the son of William and Lillian (Nygren) Halterman. He grew up in Bird Island and graduated from high school with a G.E.D. He enlisted in the U.S. Navy and served 4 years aboard the U.S.S. Shelton (a destroyer) and 1 1/2 years in the Korean War, earning 3 engagement stars.

On March 28, 1953, Richard married Betty J. Martins. They moved from California and made their home in Willmar. Richard worked for over 33 years as a heavy equipment and field mechanic for MN DOT, retiring in 1987.

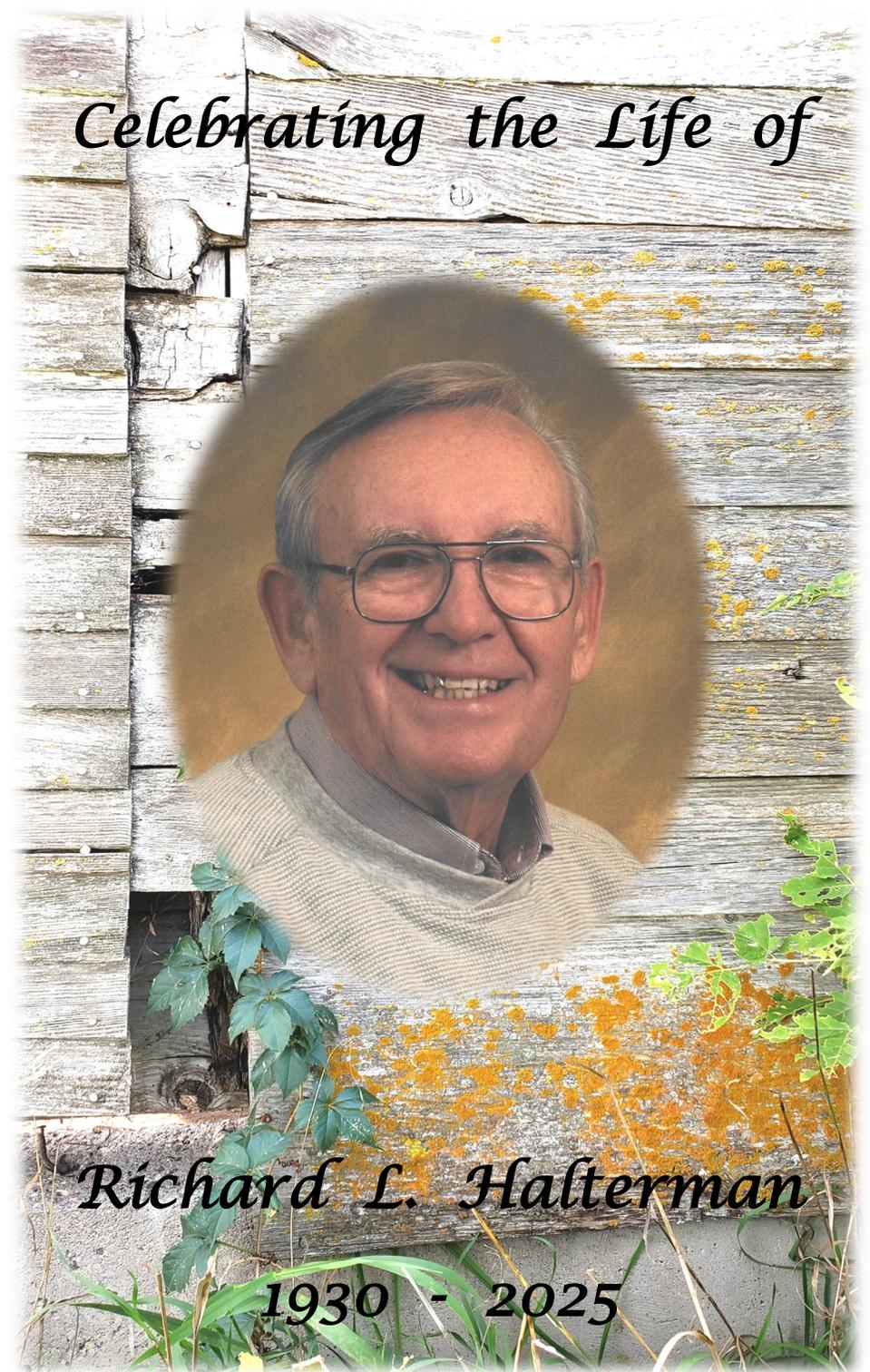
Richard was a member of the American Legion Post, V.F.W., Church of St. Mary and Knights of Columbus. He served on the MN State Employees Union as a board member and treasurer for the 10,000 Union Members. His life of service also included serving on the Willmar City Council in Ward 1 for 22 years. He was a proud and active member of AA for almost a half century.

Richard enjoyed all outdoor activities and traveling. He especially enjoyed building dirt track race cars and had many championship seasons. He was an avid fisherman and hunter. He holds the record for the biggest buck harvested by archery in Kandiyohi County.

Richard passed away Friday morning, January 3, at Harmony River Living Center in Hutchinson, surrounded by his family, at the age of 94.

He is survived by his three children, Richard Jr. (and Esther) Halterman of Montevideo, Michael (and Dianne) Halterman of Grove City and Dawn (and James) Bombeck of Hutchinson; four grandchildren; four step-grandchildren; seven great grandchildren and four step-great grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Betty; his parents; five brothers and three sisters.



# *Let Me Go*

*When I come to the end of the road  
And the sun has set for me  
I want no rites in a gloom filled room  
Why cry for a soul set free?*

*Miss me a little, but not for long  
And not with your head bowed low  
Remember the love that once we shared  
Miss me, but let me go.*

*For this is a journey we all must take  
And each must go alone.  
It's all part of the master plan  
A step on the road to home.*

*When you are lonely and sick at heart  
Go to the friends we know.  
Laugh at all the things we used to do  
Miss me, but let me go.*

In Loving Memory Of

# *Richard LeRoy Halterman*

September 3, 1930  
Maxwell, Iowa

January 3, 2025  
Hutchinson, Minnesota

## **Mass of Christian Burial**

Saturday, January 11, 2025 - 11:00 a.m.

Church of St. Mary  
Willmar, Minnesota

## **Celebrant**

Fr. Ron Huberty

## **Music**

Pianist: Terry Brunson

Opening Song: *Amazing Grace*

Psalm 23: *Shepherd Me, O God*

Prep of Gifts: *Precious Lord, Take My Hand*

Communion Song: *On Eagle's Wings*

Song of Farewell: *Old Hundredth*

Closing Song: *How Great Thou Art*

## **Honorary Urnbearers**

Ryan Bombeck    Brandon Bombeck    Wade Halterman  
Wendy Meierhofer    Lorri Boonstra    David Weseman  
Shelly Dahl    Jody Weseman

## **Military Honor Guard**

Austin F. Hanscom American Legion Post #167  
Willmar, Minnesota

## **Spring Interment**

St. Mary's Catholic Cemetery  
Willmar, Minnesota