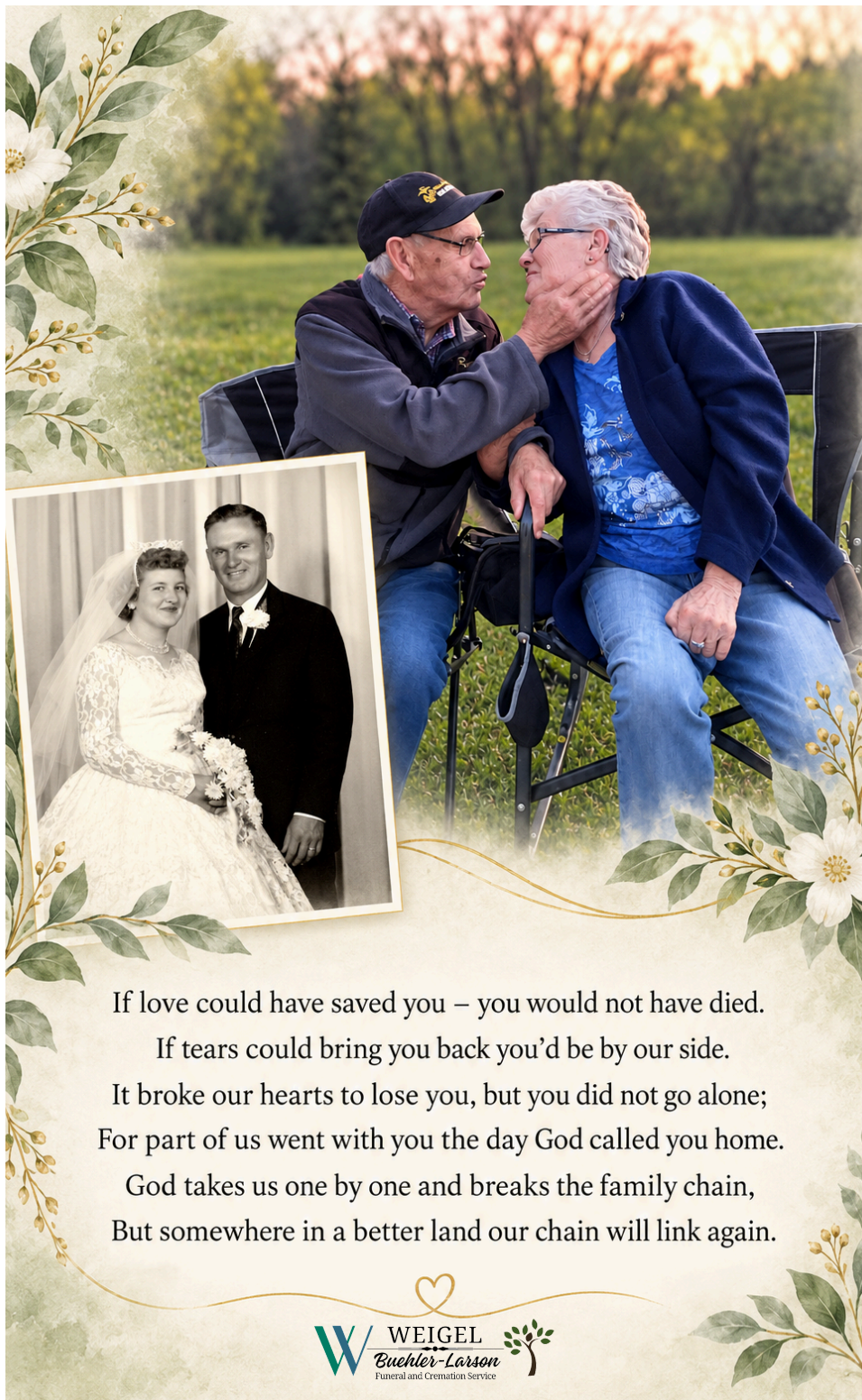






Richard Schwartzbauer, 90, Mandan, passed away September 3, 2026, at Edgewood in Mandan, with his loving family by his side.

Richard was born May 9, 1936, in Mandan to George Sr. and Louise (Gartner) Schwartzbauer. He attended a country school near St. Anthony. Richard met the love of his life, Shirley Friesz, in St. Anthony. They were married October 23, 1961, at St. Peter and Paul Catholic Church in Fallon and began their life together on the Schwartzbauer family farm. They shared nearly 65 years of marriage and built a life centered on faith, family, and hard work.

Richard farmed until the family moved to Mandan in the early 1960s. Throughout his working years, he also worked as a handyman and in maintenance. He was a simple and private man whose word could be trusted—when Richard said something, he meant it.

Richard was a lifelong member of Christ the King Catholic Church. His faith remained a steady and important part of his life, and he faithfully served his church as an usher for many years.

Family was always Richard's greatest priority. He genuinely loved spending time with those closest to him and made sure his children understood the importance of family. Weddings and other family celebrations were especially meaningful to him. His daughters will remember his old-fashioned sense of chivalry, including always walking on the street side when they were together. They will also treasure the night time rituals and giving their Dad kisses when they were little girls.

Richard enjoyed hunting and fishing with his son, playing cards and taking trips to the casino. He especially enjoyed trips to Laughlin, NV. Although he liked a good card game, the family knew he was never quite as competitive as his wife. He also appreciated life's simple pleasures, including a trip to Dairy Queen and a cold beer.

Richard is survived by his wife, Shirley; his six children, Kathy (Roger) Krance, Bonnie Ripplinger (Terry Bienek), Rod (Sharon) Schwartzbauer, Denise (Tim) Sheldon, Debbie (Bryan) Ova, and Leann (Jason) Bergquist; his 12 grandchildren, Kaitlyn Krance (Ben), Kolton (Scotta) Krance, Brandon (Amber) Ripplinger, Jordan Ripplinger (Brenna), Tori (Rod) Haugen, Chelsi (Marc) Montplaisir, Emily (Kyle) Lassle, Richard (Taylor) Bendish, Anna Bendish, Kyle (Erica) Ova, and Brodie and Jake Bergquist; 18 great-grandchildren; and two great-great-grandchildren; sister, Dorothy Swap; and brother-in-law, Peter (Josephine) Friesz.

Richard was preceded in death by his parents, George Sr. and Louise Schwartzbauer; two sons-in-law, Russell Bendish and Mike Ripplinger; siblings, Robert (Bertha) Schwartzbauer, George (Alice) Schwartzbauer, Frances (Gene) Dauenhauer, and infant brother, Edward; brother-in-law, Larry Swap; and his in-laws, Liborious & Rose Friesz, Josephine (Leo) Hopfauf, Paul (Eileen) Friesz, Viola Friesz, and Leonard (Geraldine) Friesz.

Richard will be remembered as a devoted husband, father, grandfather, great-grandfather and great-great grandfather—a hardworking man of strong faith who loved his family deeply and lived life in his own quiet, steady way.

Richard's family extends their heartfelt gratitude to the staff of Edgewood Mandan and Ethos Hospice for the wonderful care, kindness, and compassion shown to Richard and his family.

St. Anthony Verein Rosary

Parish Vigil

Presider

Funeral Liturgy

Thursday, September 10, 2026; 6:30 PM

Thursday, September 10, 2026; 6:45 PM

Deacon Bob Nutsch

Friday, September 11, 2026; 11:00 AM

Christ the King Catholic Church

Mandan, North Dakota

Fr. Nick Schneider

Fr. Fred Harvey

Alice Gerhardt & Vance Krebs

Kolton Krance, Brandon Ripplinger, Jordan Ripplinger

Richard Bendish, Brodie Bergquist, & Jake Bergquist

Anna Bendish & Emily Lassle

Lectors

Prelude

“Amazing Grace”

Processional Hymn

“Be Not Afraid”

Liturgy of the Word

Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 25:6a, 7-9

Response

Psalms 23

“The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.”

New Testament Reading

1st John 3:1-2

Gospel Reading

John 14:1-6

Homily

Liturgy of the Eucharist

Preparation of Gifts Song

“Prayer of St. Francis”

Presentation of Gifts

Kaitlyn Krance, Tori Haugen

Chelsi Montplaisir, & Erica Ova

Eucharistic Prayer

Communion Songs

“On Eagle's Wings”

Communion Meditation

“Old Rugged Cross”

Final Commendation

“Song of Farewell”

Closing Song

“How Great Thou Art”

The family invites you for lunch & fellowship at the Mandan Eagles Club

1400 Collins Avenue, immediately following the burial service.

Committal Service

Mandan Union Cemetery

Mandan, North Dakota