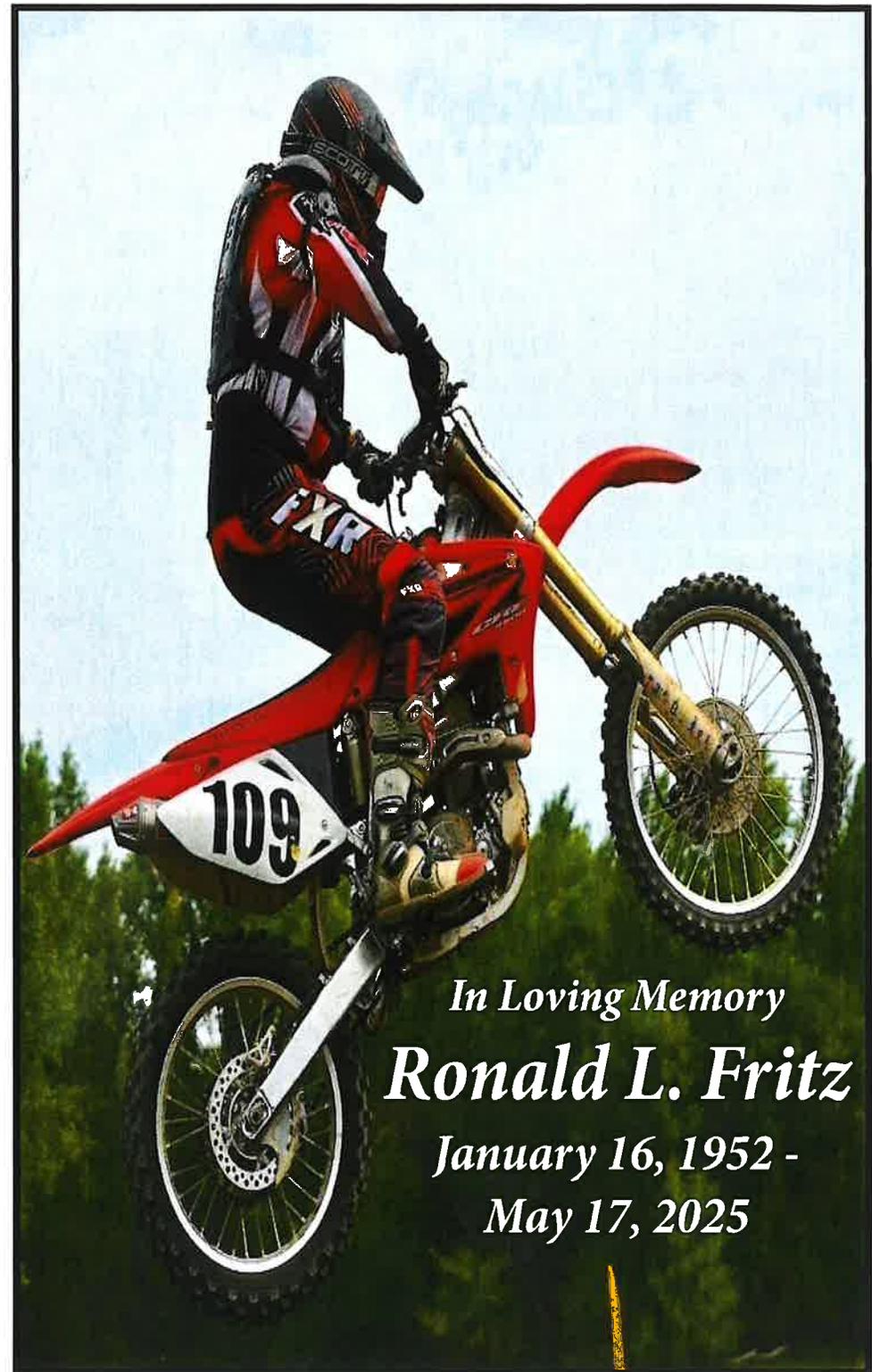
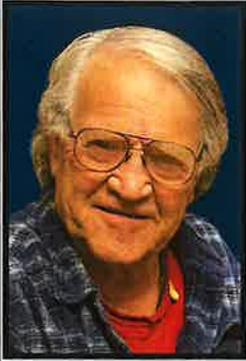


LEGEND

1. A nonhistorical or unverifiable story handed down by tradition from earlier times and accepted as historic.
2. The body of stories of this kind, as they relate to a particular people, group, or clan.
3. A collection of stories about an admirable person.
4. A person who is the center of such stories. He became a legend in his own lifetime.
5. A person whose fame or notoriety makes him a source of exaggerated or romanticized tales or exploits.



In Loving Memory
Ronald L. Fritz
January 16, 1952 -
May 17, 2025



It is with great sadness that the family announces the sudden passing of Ronald Fritz on May 17, 2025. Ron came into this world on January 16, 1952, at Hallock Minnesota.

He grew up in rural Pembina, North Dakota, and spent most of his life there. He worked for Symington construction until he was drafted into the US Army in 1972 and continued working there after his discharge.

In August 1976, Ron married Gaye Warner. He worked for Hanson construction in Fargo until 1978 when they moved to Pembina where he was Self-Employed in construction until he retired in 2012.

Ron had a passion for motorcycles and began racing motocross in the late 1980s. He was a member of the Manitoba Motocross Association for many years and last raced in 2017. Throughout his motocross career he made lifelong close friends, many who were considered family. At the age of 36, he was the oldest man racing in the association and continued to be the oldest man until his racing days were over. He became known as "The Living Legend".

Ron was an honorary Canadian and was always proud of his family and the town of Pembina. He spent many hours working around town as a volunteer firefighter, working on the city dike or the local motocross track, which was named the 109 Race Park in his honor. Most days he could be spotted driving around in his blue Toyota pickup with his dog Rusty beside him. And if he wasn't in his blue pickup, he was on one of his many bikes.

Ron was a member of the Pembina City Council for several years, a lifetime member of the Pembina American Legion, and a member of the Pembina Volunteer Fire Department for many years.

To quote a good friend, "he was brash and rough on the outside yet a heart of gold on the inside".

In their retired years, Ron and his wife would venture off in their motorhome.

Ron is survived by his loving wife, Gaye, their two daughters, Erica and Kayla, and one granddaughter River. Sisters: Linda Simmons (Gary) and Donna Haroldson (Brad), brothers Steve Fritz, Robert Fritz (Debbie) and Greg Fritz (Sue), sister-in-law, Linda Warner. Also surviving are many nieces, nephews, aunts and uncles, as well as his motocross family members.

Preceding him in death were his parents, Donald and Irene Fritz and his grandparents.

FUNERAL SERVICE

Thursday, May 22, 2025 - 2:00 p.m.

Pembina Evangelical Free Church

Pembina, North Dakota

CLERGY

Rev. Beth Peterson

READERS

Linda Simmons & Roger Borowicz

CONGREGATIONAL HYMNS

"How Great Thou Art" "On Eagle's Wings"

Karin Ohmann, Accompanist

HONORARY PALLBEARERS

Greg Fritz Robert Fritz Steve Fritz

Jay Underberg Eugene Bodden Ray Zadina

Stan Southard Russell Breaux

CASKET BEARERS

Jason Krahn Aaron Wiebe Kim Houde

Ed Anderson Charlie Westfall Bob Westfall

MILIRARY RITES

North Dakota National Guard Funeral Honors

Kern-Thompson American Legion Post 77

INTERMENT

Pembina Cemetery - Pembina, North Dakota