

Henry Francis Ditterich, age 77 of Vergas, MN, passed away peacefully at his home with his family by his side on Monday, December 22, 2025.

He is survived by his wife, Mary; son, DuWayne (Jennifer) and grandchildren, Hunter, Colton, and Boone; daughter, Patty (Kurt) Johnson and grandchildren, Alyssa (Nick) Tschida, Brianna Nordstrom (Kyle), and great grandchildren Ryker and Raeburn; siblings, LuAnn Bertolino, Paul Ditterich, Larry Rohloff, Charles Rohloff, Eileen Clifford, Brian Rohloff, and numerous nieces and nephews.

Henry was preceded in death by his parents; and siblings, Marie Butz, Karen Barnharst, and Linda Henderson.

Henry was born in Perham, MN on November 4, 1948 to Avis (Bliss) and Andrew Ditterick. He attended grade school at St. Henry's Catholic Church in Perham and District 166 in Vergas (Blackboard). He graduated from Pelican Rapids in 1966.

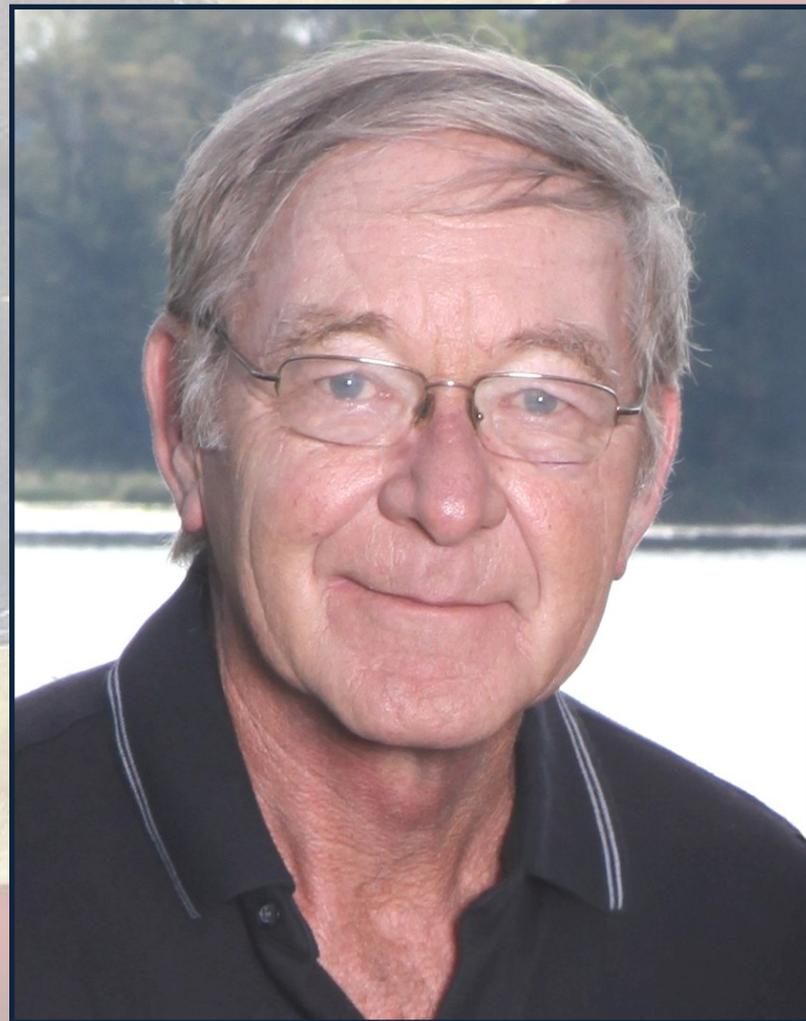
In November of 1968 and four hours before leaving for Vietnam, he met Mary Saurer. On March 15, 1969, while in Vietnam, Henry sustained a gunshot wound and was transferred to a hospital in Japan. In June of 1969 he began serving in Korea. He was honorable discharged in January of 1970 and awarded a Purple Heart.

He married Mary on January 16, 1971. They had two children who were born in Pelican Rapids. Henry worked for AMPI in Pelican Rapids and was transferred to the Clarkfield and Dawson, MN area where he worked for 40 years, never taking a sick day. In 2011, they moved to Vergas, MN, and lived there for the remainder of his life.

After retirement, he was awarded with a Honorary Bachelor Degree from South Dakota State University in Dairy Science. Henry enjoyed hunting and fishing with his family, gardening, canning, and going to the casinos. He was very involved in the Lions Club, American Legion, VFW and helped bring the Veterans Memorial Park to Vergas, MN. In May of 2024, Henry went on the Honor Flight, and said it was the best experience of his life.

At Henry's request please do not send flowers. Memorial donations may be sent to the Veterans Memorial Park in Vergas.

In Loving
M E M O R Y



Henry Francis Ditterich

November 4, 1948 - December 22, 2025



Fill not your heart with
PAIN AND SORROW,
But remember me in every tomorrow...
Remember the **JOY,**
the **LAUGHTER,**
the *smiles,*
I've only gone to rest a little while.
Although my leaving causes pain & grief
My going has eased my hurt
And given me relief.
So dry your eyes and remember me,
Not as I am now, but as I used to be.
Because I will
REMEMBER YOU ALL
And look on with a smile.
Understand in your hearts
I've only gone to rest a little while

Memorial Service

Monday, December 29, 2025 at 11:00 a.m.

Sacred Heart Catholic Church

Officiant

Father Nathaniel Daubner

Musician

Diana Porath

Musical Selections

“On Eagle’s Wings”

“Amazing Grace”

“Here I Am, Lord”

Military Honors Provided By

Dent American Legion - Perham VFW

Minnesota Army National Guard Honor Guard

Interment

(at a later date)

Oak Grove Cemetery

Fergus Falls, Minnesota