



Theodore "Ted" H. Ridder

June 17, 1932 - March 7, 2025

MADISON – Funeral service for Theodore H. “Ted” Ridder, 92, of Norfolk, will be held at 10:30 a.m., Wednesday, March 12, 2025 at the St. Leonard’s Catholic Church in Madison. Celebrant will be Father Pat McLaughlin and Concelebrant will be Fr. David Bourek. Private family inurnment will be held at St. Leonard’s Catholic Cemetery, Madison. Visitation will be 5:00-7:00 p.m., Tuesday, also at St. Leonard’s Catholic Church in Madison with a Vigil beginning at 7:00 p.m. Ted passed away on Friday, March 7, 2025 at The Meadows Assisted Living in Norfolk. Stonacek Funeral Chapel in Norfolk is in charge of the arrangements.

Ted was born on June 17, 1932 in Howells, Nebraska to Joseph “Joe” and Laura (Wolff) Ridder. He attended grade school in Madison and graduated from Madison High School in 1951. He then attended college in Milford, earning his Machinist Degree. Ted served in the United States Army from December 8, 1952 to December 7, 1954. While in the service he met Vera “Vicky” Simmons. They were married in 1961 in Georgia. They continued living in Georgia and Ted worked at GM Motors for 2 years. He would then work as a machinist for a private family-owned shop until he retired. After Vicky passed away, Ted moved to Norfolk in 2013 to be closer to family. He enjoyed playing solitaire, yardwork, gardening, and taking care of his small fish pond.

Survivors include his sister Arlene (Max) Unseld of Pierce, sister Elizabeth “Betty” Barrett of Scio, Oregon, sister-in-law Mildred Ridder of Madison, and numerous nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his wife Vicky Ridder in 2012, parents Joseph and Laura Ridder, sister Clare Ridder, brother Frederick Ridder, sister and brother-in-law Grace (Norbert) Zimmerer, and brother-in-law Lowell Barrett.

Casket bearers will be Daniel Unseld, Byron Unseld, Christopher Unseld, Jim Ridder, Gerald Ridder, and Todd Ridder. Condolences may be expressed to the family on-line at www.stonacekfuneralchapel.com.

Cemetery Details

St. Leonard's Catholic Cemetery

Madison, NE

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 11. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

St. Leonard's Catholic Church - Madison
504 South Nebraska St.
Madison, NE 68748

Vigil Service

MAR 11. 7:00 PM (CT)

St. Leonard's Catholic Church - Madison
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Funeral Service

MAR 12. 10:30 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

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“ Hello Ridder family, It was a pleasure meeting you at the Meadows. I ache for you all but rejoice Ted was a man of faith in God. I enjoyed hearing his stories and learning about his life. I regret I can't be there with you. I'll be with my wife at St. Joseph Care and rehab caring for her. Prayers for the coming days in your grief walk. I know you will be having tender moments. God Bless you all.
Chaplain Ed Felgate, the Meadows.

Edward Felgate - March 11, 2025 at 12:36 PM