



## Howard M. Richner

April 6, 1942 - May 4, 2014

Howard "Howie" Richner of Little Falls MN, loving husband, father, grandfather and great-grandfather passed away at the age of 72 on Sunday May 4th, 2014 at the St. Cloud Hospital in St. Cloud, MN surrounded by those who loved him.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be held at 11:00 A.M. on Thursday, May 8, 2014 at Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Church in Little Falls, MN with Father Joe Herzing officiating. Burial will be at Holy Family Catholic Cemetery in Belle Prairie, MN at a later date. Visitation will be from 5 to 8 PM on Wednesday and from 9 to 10:30 AM on Thursday at the Shelley Funeral Chapel in Little Falls.

Howard "Howie" Richner of Little Falls MN, loving husband, father, grandfather and great-grandfather passed away at the age of 72 on Sunday May 4th, 2014 at the St. Cloud Hospital in St. Cloud, MN surrounded by those who loved him. Howard was born and raised in Little Falls, MN and graduated from Little Falls High School in 1960. He married Lucille Janey and from that union had three beautiful daughters: Laura, Denise and Anne. He moved to Minneapolis, MN and after working several different jobs started his career as a Minneapolis Police Officer in January 1967. He married his current wife Rita A. VanFossan on February 27, 1981 and they lived in the suburbs of Minneapolis. After his retirement from the Minneapolis Police Force they moved back to his hometown of Little Falls, MN where they resided together for 20 years. He enjoyed motorcycling and was known to have purchased a

few motorcycles over the years among other things. He was affectionately referred to as "Trader Ted" due to his love for buying and selling things. He loved hunting with his twin brother Harvey and his nephews. He enjoyed being able to go Elk Hunting with his son-in-law Wayne Seymour and his nephew Jerry Jensen. He also loved camping, especially sitting around the campfire. His favorite place to camp was the North Shores of MN. Over the years he created many cherished family memories camping there. Another favorite pastime was shooting pool and being on the pool league with his son-in-law Randy Heltemes and his daughter Denise Heltemes. Howard is survived by his wife Rita and his daughters: Laura Hilmerson, Denise (Randy) Heltemes and Anne (Wayne) Seymour. His grandchildren: Suzy (Erick) Strempeke, Melissa Hilmerson, Krista Hilmerson, Scott (Jessica) Hilmerson, Elizabeth Seymour, Alaina (Andrew) Just, Adam Heltemes and Andrew Heltemes. His great-grandchildren: Brennen Trutwin, Isack Strempeke, Ezra Trutwin, Kyler Kislenger, Elli Leikvoll, Benjamin Schwendeman, Adriane Hilmerson, Klaira Schwendeman, Miley Hilmerson, Payton Klooster and Noah Bushman. Along with many nieces and nephews. Howard was preceded in death by his parents, Alfred Eva (Young) Richner; siblings, Ethel (Ben) Weiss, Evelyn Virnig, Edith (Swen) Olson, Louise (George) Wood, Mary Lou (Chuck) Garretson, Ella (Dick) Moran, Alfred "Sonny" Richner and Harvey (Candace) Richner.

Honorary Pallbearer will be Jerry Jensen. Pallbearers will be Randy Heltemes, Adam Heltemes, Andrew Heltemes, Scott Hilmerson, Ricky Jensen, Jim Moran, and Wayne Seymour.

# Cemetery Details

## Holy Family Parish Catholic Cemetery - Belle Prairie

18777 Riverwood Dr  
Little Falls, MN 56345

# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAY 7. 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

LeMieur Funeral Home of Little Falls  
214 2nd Street SE  
Little Falls, MN

## Visitation

MAY 8. 9:00 AM - 10:30 AM (CT)

LeMieur Funeral Home of Little Falls  
214 2nd Street SE  
Little Falls, MN

## Service

MAY 8. 11:00 AM (CT)

Our Lady Of Lourdes Catholic Church  
208 West Broadway  
Little Falls, MN



# Tribute Wall



“ *Lemieur Funeral Homes created a Tribute Video in memory of Howard M. Richner*



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**Lemieur Funeral Homes** - May 07, 2014 at 12:32 PM



“ *Howard M. Richner*

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January 21, 2023 at 11:59 AM



“ *My Dear Rita and Family,*

*What a beautiful service you had for Howard. I just feel he was looking down and wished he could tell you that he is all right and wished he could take away your sorrow. He misses you as well, and now will be able to be with all of you in spirit, ALWAYS.*

*Please know I will continue to pray for all of you.*

*Sincerely Joyce K from Sauk Rapids.*

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**Joyce K** - May 09, 2014 at 07:48 AM

MS

“ I met Howard thru my girlfriend Catherine Iligan.  
VERY NICE GUY.Down to earth easy to care on a conversation  
with.I wish I had more time to spend with Howard & Rita when they  
come down to visit with Cathy.But work always comes firs.The time  
that I got to visit with everyone was cool had a really good time  
hated to leave.He will defenly be missied. I know that Howard is  
looking over Rita & Lady & his family from heaven.God Bless  
Michelle Smith

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**Michelle Smith** - May 07, 2014 at 07:46 PM

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“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



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**Denise Heltemes** - May 07, 2014 at 11:49 AM

DH

“ 1 file added to the album Dad, Grandpa & Great Grandpa



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**Denise Heltemes** - May 07, 2014 at 11:47 AM

RA

“ 1 file added to the album *Dad, Grandpa & Great Grandpa*



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**Randy** - May 07, 2014 at 08:35 AM

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“ 1 file added to the album *Dad*



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**Randy Heltemes** - May 07, 2014 at 08:15 AM

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**Randy Heltemes** - May 07, 2014 at 08:14 AM

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**Randy Heltemes** - May 07, 2014 at 08:12 AM

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**Randy Heltemes** - May 07, 2014 at 08:12 AM

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“ *I was privileged enough to work with Howard for several years. He truly was one of my favorite employees. He was kind and had a heart of gold. I will miss him and always have a special place in my heart for him. My deepest heartfelt sympathy to his family.*

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**Stephanie S.** - May 06, 2014 at 09:07 PM

JU

“ Uncle Howard, you will be that bright star in the sky that shines and watches over us when the family is together. We are so grateful to have had you in our lives. We'll cherish our memories until we meet again. Love you

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**Judy** - May 06, 2014 at 09:00 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Howard M. Richner.



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May 06, 2014 at 08:40 PM

PO

“ Uncle Howard was a Godsend to our family. We will miss him terribly. We do know that you are in good hands and that makes it a little easier. Love you

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**Patty Olson** - May 06, 2014 at 07:16 PM

SL

“ Sharon, Teri and Loriann purchased the Written in the Stars for the family of Howard M. Richner.



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**Sharon, Teri and Loriann** - May 06, 2014 at 06:30 PM

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“ 3 files added to the album *Family & Friends*



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**Suzy Strepke** - May 06, 2014 at 05:01 PM

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“ *Noah Bushman* was added to the *Family Tree*.

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**Suzy Strepke** - May 06, 2014 at 04:59 PM

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“ *Elizabeth Seymour* was added to the *Family Tree*.

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“ *Wayne Seymour* was added to the *Family Tree*.

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“ *Andrew Heltemes* was added to the *Family Tree*.

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**Suzy Strepke** - May 06, 2014 at 04:58 PM

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“ *Adam Heltemes* was added to the *Family Tree*.

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“ Randy Heltemes was added to the Family Tree.

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“ Elli Leikvoll was added to the Family Tree.

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“ Ezra Trutwin was added to the Family Tree.

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“ Jessica Hilmerson was added to the Family Tree.

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“ Klaira Schwendeman was added to the Family Tree.

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“ Ben Schwendeman was added to the Family Tree.

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“ *Kyler Kislenger was added to the Family Tree.*

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“ *Krista Hilmerson was added to the Family Tree.*

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“ *Missy Hilmerson was added to the Family Tree.*

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“ *Scott Hilmerson was added to the Family Tree.*

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“ *Harvey Richner was added to the Family Tree.*

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“ *Alfred "sonny" Richner was added to the Family Tree.*

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**Suzu Strepke** - May 06, 2014 at 04:15 PM

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“ *Laura Hilmerson was added to the Family Tree.*

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“ *Lucille Richner was added to the Family Tree.*

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**Suzy Strepke** - May 06, 2014 at 04:06 PM

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**Suzy Strepke** - May 06, 2014 at 03:52 PM