



## Archie Ricke

November 12, 1930 - December 16, 2021

Archie Ricke, 91 of Arcadia, died peacefully on Thursday, December 16, 2021, at Journey Senior Services in Carroll.

Mass of the Christian Burial will be celebrated at 10:30 a.m., Tuesday, December 21, 2021, at St. John Catholic Church in Arcadia. The Celebrant will be Fr. Timothy Friedrichsen. Concelebrant will be Fr. Richard Remmes. Music will be by Sharon Bierl and the St. John Choir. Lector for the Funeral Mass will be Chad Kohorst. Honorary Casket Bearers and Gift Bearers will be Kristine Iverson and Valerie Vetter. Eucharistic Minister will be Pat Vogl. Casket Bearers will be Jay Ricke, Matt Ricke, Steven Ricke, Chad Kohorst, Jason Kohorst, Joe Vetter, Adam Vetter, Brian Ricke and Kyle Ricke. Burial will be in St John Cemetery in Arcadia with military honors conducted by the Arcadia American Legion.

Visitation will be held from 4:30-6:30 p.m. on Monday at the Sharp Funeral Home in Carroll. Face coverings are preferred. There will be no visitation prior to the Funeral Mass on Tuesday.

Funeral arrangements are under the guidance of the Sharp Funeral Home in Carroll and online condolences may be left for Archie's family at [www.sharpfuneral.com](http://www.sharpfuneral.com).

Born in Breda, Iowa on November 12, 1930, Archie was the son of Vincent and Julia (Ludwig) Ricke. He started grade school in Lidderdale and after his family moved to a farm near Carroll attended Sts. Peter and Paul School, later graduating from Carroll High School. After his formal education, Archie

worked as a mechanic until joining the United States Air Force in December of 1951. He served four years as a jet mechanic during the Korean War until his honorable discharge.

On July 22, 1952, Archie was united in marriage to Lillian Miller at St. Lawrence Church in Carroll. To this union where 5 children; John, Jim, Cindy, Ken, and Jane. Archie did mechanic work and farm tractor repair in Carroll until later opening Ricke's Repair Shop in Arcadia. He retired in 1995 and worked part-time for various businesses including Carroll Aviation.

Archie loved creating and building things; light house, barrel train that he gave rides to children in at parades, a train and railroad crossing in the rock garden and was in the process of building a wooden car. He had a huge Christmas display with thousands of lights on the evergreens with a life size nativity set in memory of his son John. Archie was active and instrumental in the Arcadia Community in many capacities including City Council, St. John Catholic Church, Arcadia American Legion, and Legion Color Guard.

Archie is survived by his wife Lillian Ricke of Carroll; his daughters: Cynthia (Joe) Fleskes of Davis, CA and Jane (Gary) Vetter of Westside; his daughters-in-law: Deanna (Connie) Schoessler of Westside and Jaynee Ricke of Arcadia; 11 grandchildren; 16 great-grandchildren with 2 on the way; his brother, Larry (Carol) Ricke of Parkersburg; his sister, Sister Marlou Ricke of La Crosse, WI; as well as other extended relatives and many friends.

Archie was preceded in death by his parents: Vincent and Julia (Ludwig) Ricke; his parents-in-law, Edmund and Hilda (Reiman) Miller; his sons: John, Jim, and Ken "Beanie" Ricke; his sisters: Ella Mae (Alvin) Reiff and Phyllis (Harold) Bluml; and his sisters-in-law: Bernice (Joe) Bekehermes and Arlene Eischeid.

# Tribute Wall



“ *Beautiful in Blue* was purchased for the family of Archie Ricke.



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December 21, 2021 at 08:20 AM



“ *Lillian and Family, I am so very sorry for your loss. May Archie rest in peace.*

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**Christy Rickers** - December 20, 2021 at 11:36 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue* was purchased for the family of Archie Ricke.



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December 20, 2021 at 05:33 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* was purchased for the family of Archie Ricke.



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December 20, 2021 at 03:50 PM

BV

“ *My sympathy to all of you. Archie was sure a kind and caring man. We all truly loved his Xmas decor here in town. May he Rest In Peace.*

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**Bev Vonnahme** - December 20, 2021 at 11:25 AM

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“ *the Curtis and Whipple families purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Archie Ricke.*



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**the Curtis and Whipple families** - December 20, 2021 at 09:25 AM

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“ *Your CapSan Family purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Archie Ricke.*



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**Your CapSan Family** - December 19, 2021 at 07:34 PM

FG

“ *Our prayers and condolences to all the family! Archie was a good man and one of my best insureds.*

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**frank golwitzer** - December 18, 2021 at 11:08 PM

DB

“ Our deepest sympathy to the Ricke family. We lived across the street from Archie and Lillian after we were first married. They were always so kind and would walk across the street to visit when we were outside. Archie can now be with his boys. God bless all of you.  
*Doreen and Ken Berg*

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**Doreen and Ken Berg** - December 18, 2021 at 09:40 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* was purchased for the family of Archie Ricke.



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December 18, 2021 at 09:15 PM