



### *An Irish Blessing*

*May there always be work  
for your hands to do.  
May your purse always hold  
a coin to two.  
May the sun shine on  
your windowpane.  
May a rainbow be certain  
to follow each rain.  
May the hand of a friend  
always be near you.  
May God fill your heart  
with gladness to cheer you.*

IN LOVING MEMORY OF

# *Richard Raffety*

WHO WAS BORN

January 31, 1940  
Minneapolis, Minnesota

AND CALLED TO HIS ETERNAL HOME

July 27, 2019  
Ortonville, Minnesota

CELEBRATION OF LIFE

Tuesday, July 30, 2019 - 6:00 p.m.  
Mundwiler Funeral Home  
Milbank, South Dakota

GATHERING OF FAMILY AND FRIENDS

4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

OFFICIANT

Pastor Paul McCullogh  
Gary Bonnema

APPRECIATION

Richards' family is grateful for your attendance at this service.

Your many expressions of kindness and love are deeply appreciated. Refreshments will be served in the hospitality room of the funeral home.

ARRANGEMENTS BY

Mundwiler and Larson Funeral Home  
Ortonville, Minnesota

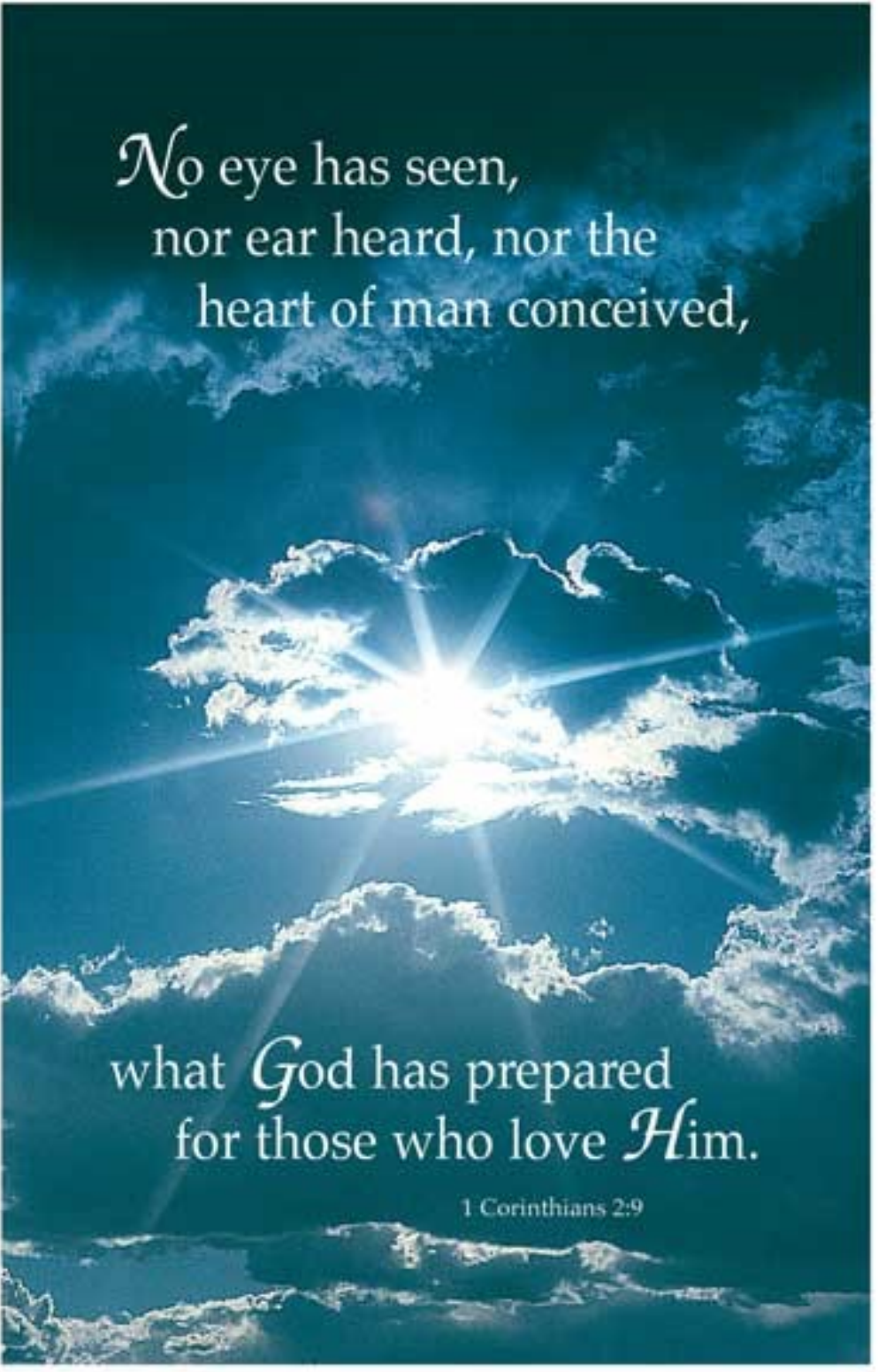
**R**ichard Ernest Raffety was born on January 31, 1940, to Ernest G. and Emma J. (Short) Raffety in Minneapolis, MN. He grew up and attended school in Long Lake, MN, before moving to Milbank, SD, in 1955. Richard graduated from Milbank High School in 1958. On June 19, 1960, he was united in marriage to Rita J. Sawray in Milbank and together, they raised 11 children. Richard and Rita made their home in Ortonville in 1963. He was a hard worker all of his life and retired from Berkner Plumbing and Heating in 2012.

He was an avid outdoorsman and spent many hours in his vegetable and flower gardens and enjoyed the bounty of harvest and the beauty of his efforts. In season, he came through the door with flowers every day. He loved all sports and games. He enjoyed ice skating and coaching for the Big Stone Lake Area Hockey Association. All else was set aside on game days of the Alabama Crimson Tide. He rooted for Bill Belichick and the Patriots and Rory McIlroy was his favorite on the golf green. Richard often chose to root for the underdog.

Richard was an early riser, enjoyed coffee and visiting with everyone who stopped by, and ended his days with his favorite ice cream. His meal time prayer always concluded with words from Joshua 1:9, 'Be strong and of great courage'. He will be greatly missed.

Left to cherish his memory are his wife of 59 years, Rita Raffety of Ortonville, MN; his 11 children: Patrick (Linda) Raffety of Milbank, SD; Heather (Loren) Karges of Milbank, SD; Erin Julius of Milbank, SD; Colin (Marla) Raffety of Ortonville, MN; Chris (Heather) Raffety of Milbank, SD; Amy Raffety-McCarty of Ortonville, MN; Jon (Amy) Raffety of Ortonville, MN; Micah (Heidi) Raffety of Ramsey, MN; Rich (Cari) Raffety of Ortonville, MN; Steve Raffety of Ortonville, MN; and Nate Raffety of Ortonville, MN; 23 grandchildren; 18 great-grandchildren; brother, Michael Raffety of Recife, Brazil; sister-in-law, Judy Raffety of Rockford, IL; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Richard was preceded in death by his parents; and his brother.



No eye has seen,  
nor ear heard, nor the  
heart of man conceived,

what God has prepared  
for those who love Him.

1 Corinthians 2:9