

Muscotah, KS



Ben Allen Richenburg, 76, Muscotah, KS passed away Tuesday, March 3, 2020 at Stormont-Vail Hospital in Topeka, KS surrounded by his family.

Mass of Christian Burial will be 10:00 AM, Saturday, March 7, 2020 at St. Ann's Catholic Church, Effingham, KS with Fr. Hugh Sundeme, Celebrant. Burial will follow in St. Ann's Cemetery. Family will receive friends for one hour prior to the funeral mass at the church. In lieu of flowers, the family suggest memorial contributions be made to St. Ann's Church. Words of remembrance and comfort may be left online at www.beckerdyer.com.

Ben was born in Enid, Oklahoma on March 21, 1943, the son of Paul John and Opal Lorraine (Weimer) Richenburg. Ben owned and operated his own livestock ranch in the Muscotah area and was such a good mechanic that he could fix anything on the ranch. Ben also drove a school bus for over 32 years, 15 of those years for USD 377 (Atchison County Community Schools). Ben enjoyed hunting and fishing. Ben was a good husband, father, grandfather and friend to all who knew him. Ben was known to tease his grandchildren on occasions and they enjoyed teasing him right back.

Ben and Sara 'Sue' Knipp were married on December 27, 1965 in Scott City, KS.

Survivors include his wife of almost 55 years, Sue, of the family ranch; four children, John (Donna) Richenburg, Overland Park, KS, Anne (Gary) Silvers, Valley Falls, KS, Matt (Christina) Richenburg, Kansas City, MO, Luke (Kiesha) Richenburg, St. Paul, KS; sixteen grandchildren; one great grandchild due in May; two brothers, Paul (Wilma) Richenburg, Oklahoma City, OK, and David Richenburg, Wichita, KS, sister, Patricia Webber, Potomac Falls, VA; and honorary son Joerg Forchel and family of Germany.

Ben was preceded in death by his parents; brother, Peter Richenburg; and sister, Caroline Rahm.

