



Dr. Richard Paul Peltonen

February 17, 1933 - January 26, 2025

Dr. Richard Paul Peltonen, most recently of Norway, Michigan, passed away on January 26, 2025 at Marshfield Medical Center-Dickinson.

Richard was born and raised in Buhl, Minnesota to Alexander and Sadie Peltonen.

He attained his bachelor's degree from the University of Minnesota, his masters degree from Northern Illinois University, and finally his doctorate degree from West Virginia University. Along his educational path, he met his wife, Jean. They had four children, Cindy, Paul, Bob and Theresa. They moved all over the country to pursue their educations, with all 4 children in tow.

Richard was a lifelong learner with an infectious passion for life. From an early age, he shone brightly in both academics and athletics, always striving for excellence. His love for reading was remarkable—he devoured over 100 books in just one year. Richard enjoyed the simple pleasures, whether it was playing cards, fishing, or cheering on the Minnesota Vikings. His generous spirit and deep affection for animals were evident to everyone around him.

He enjoyed relaxing with a cold beer in hand, surrounded by family and friends. Watching his grandchildren play sports brought him immense happiness, and he loved quizzing them with fascinating historical facts.

Richard had a heart full of love, and his friendly presence touched the lives of everyone he met. He will be remembered fondly and missed dearly, but his wonderful spirit will live on in the hearts of those who loved him.

The family extends their deepest gratitude to the individuals at Evergreen Assisted Living for helping in his care over the last seven years.

To honor Richard's wishes, there will be no funeral service; instead, have a cold one for him and celebrate a life well lived.