



Final Harvest

He was bound to the land from the day of his birth
His roots anchored deep in the fertile earth
Nurtured, sustained, by the soil he grew
And his life, like his furrows, ran straight and true.

In faith, each spring, he planted the seeds
In hope, to reap his family's needs
With patience, he waited for the harvest to come
To gather the fruits of his labor home.

Ever turning seasons, the years sped past
'Til the final harvest came at last
Then claimed anew by beloved sod
He was gathered home to be with God.

-Barbara W. Weber

Those Who Shared In His Life

Loving wife of 50 years, Ava, Lansford; children, Susan Kaliher and Jeanne Dufner, both in Minot, Tim Dufner, Lansford and special friend, Kathy Wallstrum, Maureen (Eric) Stambaugh, Norwich, Alan Dufner, Lansford and his special friend, Deanna Jundt, James (Renee) Dufner, Glenburn, Karen (Jeremy) Thompson, Max, Kathy (Greg) Zenz, Max, John (Sara) Dufner, Minot, son-in-law, Pete Kaliher, Minot; 16 grandchildren and one great-grandson; brothers and sisters, Vergil Dufner and Albin Dufner, both in Minot, Delores (Merle) Routledge, Glenburn, Vernita Broderick and Donna (Lynn) Roberts all in Minot, Loreen (Mike) Kiskila, San Jose, CA, Orville (Sharen) Dufner, Minot, Theresa Bowen, Bellville, IL, Betty (Ed) Schall, Minot; half sister, Agnes Poppler, Williston; numerous nieces, nephews and cousins.

Melvin was preceded in death by his parents; sister, Marcella Weber, infant brother, stepmother, Irene Dufner and aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews and cousins.

Melvin John Dufner

June 17, 1933 Muskego Twsp., Renville County, ND - January 4, 2009 Minot, ND

Vigil Prayer Service

St. Philomena Catholic Church, Glenburn, ND
Wednesday, January 7, 2009 - 7:00 p.m.

Mass of Christian Burial

St. Leo's Catholic Church, Minot, ND
Thursday, January 8, 2009 - 10:30 a.m.

Celebrant of the Liturgies

Father John Paul Gardner

Reader

Ron Hensen

Gift Bearers

Jim and Becky Limke

Music

Klinton Hanson, vocalist; Donanne Derr, pianist
Prelude CD Selection, "Love Without End, Amen" by George Strait
Opening, "How Great Thou Art"
Offertory, "Silent Night"
Communion, "Amazing Grace"
Commendation, "Song of Farewell"
Closing, "On Eagle's Wings"

Honorary Bearers

Melvin's family and friends

Active Bearers

Loren Routledge, nephew and godson
Joe Broderick, nephew and godson
Steve Phillips, nephew and godson

Al Schall, nephew
David Roberts, nephew
Craig Dufner, nephew and godson

Military honors accorded by members of the North Dakota National Honor Guard.

Following the funeral everyone is invited to join the family for lunch and fellowship at the Knights of Columbus, located at 2601 N. Broadway, Minot.

Burial

St. Henry's Catholic Cemetery, rural Foxholm, ND - 3:00 p.m.

Melvin's immediate family will follow in a loose procession to take Melvin through the farm one more time, before meeting at the cemetery for the final prayers. Anyone wishing to attend the graveside service is asked to meet at the cemetery at 3:00 p.m.

The vase of roses on the altar are there to signify the love Melvin's family has for him. 9 red roses from his children, 16 yellow roses from his grandchildren and 1 white rose from his great-grandson

Thompson-Larson Funeral Home, Minot