



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

Joseph "Joe" Thomas

Date and Place of Birth
January 15, 1915
Rural Verendrye, North Dakota

Date and Place of Death
February 23, 2007
Velva, North Dakota

Vigil Prayer Service
St. Cecilia Catholic Church
Velva, North Dakota
Tues, Feb. 27, 2007-7:00 p.m.

Mass of Christian Burial
St. Cecilia Catholic Church
Velva, North Dakota
Wed, Feb. 28, 2007-11:00 a.m.

Service Participants

Father James Gross - Celebrant of the Liturgies
Leo Thomas and Joleen Thomas - Readers
Joe's Great-grandchildren - Gift Bearers

Music

Prelude CD: "Sweet Queen of Peace" by Daniel O'Donnell
Processional Hymn: "On Eagle's Wings"
Offertory Hymn: "Amazing Grace"
Communion CD: "Only A Shadow" by Daniel O'Donnell
Meditation Solo: "Daddy's Hands" by Jennifer Hildre
Commendation: "Song of Farewell"
Recessional Hymn: "How Great Thou Art"
Andrea Irmin, Song Leader
Marilyn Anderson, Organist

Honorary Bearers

Joe's grandchildren and great-grandchildren

Active Bearers

Kenny Thomas
Mark Thomas
Eric Dailey
Jake Hystad

Duane Ayers
Jerrod Thomas
Jeff Guevara

Greg Abel
Doug Aaseth
Jerod Harding
Dylan Theisen

Final Resting Place

Holy Cross Catholic Cemetery ~ Velva, North Dakota
The burial will take place in the spring of 2007.

Immediately following the funeral service, there will be a time of fellowship and lunch in the lower level of the church. Everyone is invited to join the family for this time.

Our family would like to thank all of you for your many acts of kindness. Your thoughts and prayers are greatly appreciated during this most difficult time.
May God bless the memory of Joseph.

Thompson-Larson Funeral Home, Velva, North Dakota