



Lance D. Olen, 65 of Wecota, passed away Friday, October 30, 2015 at Faulkton Area Medical Center.

Lance Dennis Olen was born February 6, 1950 at Faulkton, SD to Jack and Gladys (Deloy) Olen. He attended country school at Norbeck and graduated from Cresbard High School in 1968. He then attended one year of college in Aberdeen and then helped on the family farm while his brothers were in the service.

On June 29, 1974 Lance was united in marriage to Patricia Jackson at Zell, SD. They moved around South Dakota including Watertown where Lance worked building homes. In the early 1980's they returned to the Wecota area. He worked for Holsing Farms, in laws (Clifford and Leota Jackson) near Rockham, Cenex and the Pasture Research Center until he started farming on his own. He started renting land and eventually purchased it, farming along with his brothers until the time of his passing.

Lance enjoyed farming, watching his children and grandchildren play sports, riding 4-wheeler, and guiding hunters.

Lance's life will be treasured by his wife Patricia of Wecota; his three children: Mark Olen of Sioux Falls, Angela (Ben) Grams of Hermosa, and Lori (Cody) Bruns of Warner; his grandchildren: Elijah, Seth and Isaiah Grams and Easton and Avery Bruns; his siblings: David Olen, Donald Olen and Mary Olen of Wecota and Father and Mother in Law Clifford and Leota Jackson of Rockham, Sisters in Law: Deb (Terry) Rohlf of Wolsey and Jean Jackson of Aurora, CO, and one niece and nephew.

He was preceded in death by his parents.

Arrangements entrusted to Luce Funeral Home, Faulkton, South Dakota, www.familyfuneralhome.net



CLOSE THE GATE

For this one farmer the worries are over, lie down and rest your head,
Your time has been and struggles enough, put the tractor in the shed.
Years were not easy, many downright hard, but your faith in God transcended,
Put away your tools and sleep in peace. The fences have all been mended.
You raised a fine family, worked the land well and always followed the Son,
Hang up your shovel inside of the barn; your work here on earth is done.
A faith few possess led your journey through life, often a jagged and stony way,
The sun is setting, the cattle are all bedded, and here now is the end of your day.
Your love of God's soil has passed on to your kin; the stories flow like fine wine,
Wash off your work boots in the puddle left by blessed rain one final time.
You always believed that the good Lord would provide and He always had somehow,
Take off your gloves and put them down, no more sweat and worry for you now.
Your labor is done, your home now is heaven; no more must you wait,
Your legacy lives on, your love of the land, and we will close the gate.

In Loving Memory of

Lance D. Olen

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Prayer Service: 7:00 p.m., Monday, November 2, 2015
Immanuel Lutheran Church, Wecota, South Dakota

Funeral Service: 10:30 a.m., Tuesday, November 3, 2015
Immanuel Lutheran Church, Wecota, South Dakota

Officiating: Pastor Timothy Koch

Casketbearers: Brad Meier, Darwin Holt, Steven Gebhard, Larry Bowar, Gerald Barondeau, Rob Webb

Honorary Casketbearers: All his family and friends

Ushers: Bob Rusch and Dave Heidenreich

Organist: Lori Holt

Musical Selections: "Amazing Grace" "How Great Thou Art"

Inurnment: Millard Cemetery ~ rural Faulkton, South Dakota