

In Loving Memory Of
Burton R. Baloun

September 29, 1932 ~ August 7, 2018

WAKE SERVICE:

7:00 p.m., Friday, August 10, 2018

St. Thomas The Apostle Church ~ Faulkton, SD

OFFICIATING: Fr. Tom Clement

MASS OF CHRISTIAN BURIAL:

10:30 a.m., Saturday, August 11, 2018

St. Thomas The Apostle Church ~ Faulkton, SD

OFFICIATING: Fr. Christopher Hughes

LECTOR: Carol Ann Myler

OFFERTORY: Beth Baloun, Caitlyn Edgar, Brooke Edgar, Hannah Edgar, and Abby Fischbach

ALTAR SERVERS: Isaac, Carter, and Samuel Trefz

PLACING OF THE PALL: Burton's Siblings

CASKET BEARERS:

Derek Edgar, Brock Edgar, Brady Edgar,
Chloe Edgar, Cody Baloun, Dawn Switzer,
Melissa Burgad, and Cole Baloun

HONORARY CASKET BEARERS:

All of Burton's Great Grandchildren

VIDEOGRAPHER: Scott Boyd

ORGANIST: Linda Bartholomew

VOCALISTS: Christina Boyd and Jerry Bowar

HYMNS: "Amazing Grace" "In the Garden"
"You Raise Me Up" "The Lord's Prayer"
"How Great Thou Art"

INTERMENT: St. Boniface Cemetery ~ Seneca, SD



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.



Now we must all wonder, who is going to tell us when it is going to rain! Rest peacefully Burton.



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Burton Baloun, 85, of Highmore, passed away Tuesday, August 7, 2018 at the Faulkton Area Medical Center surrounded by his family and siblings.

Burton R. Baloun was born September 29, 1932 to Raymond and Alice (Ellenbecker) Baloun at the midway home in Highmore, SD. He attended Rice Lake Country School, having to get there either by his horse, Daisy, or his Doodle Bug. Burton graduated from Highmore High School in 1950.

Following his education, Burton went to work on the family farm, and in his spare time he would attend dances in the area communities. While attending one of those dances, he met the love of his life, Mary Ann Zens. They were married September 15, 1953 at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Zell, SD.

Together they made their home at the Leo Mertz place south of Seneca for two years before moving further south to the Mule Ranch, where he remained until the time of his passing. Throughout the years, Burton and MaryAnn enjoyed their time attending dances and traveling. They were blessed to see 48 states.

Burton will be remembered for his love of the land and the hard worker he was. Aside from doing his own work he did much custom work for friends and neighbors. He loved to race the kids home from church on Sunday mornings so everyone could get to work! He also had a love of tractors, trading vehicles and helping others trade vehicles. When

meeting him at any event, you could guarantee Burton would ask you about your vehicle and what kind of mileage it got. Later in life when Burton retired, he never truly gave agriculture up. One could always find him attending area sale barns during sales, especially family bull sales.

Burton's life will be cherished by his wife of 64 years, Mary Ann Baloun of Highmore; children: Perry (Bernadette) Baloun, Highmore, Pat Baloun, Aberdeen and Pamela (Mark) Edgar, Rockham; grandchildren: Cody (Beth) Baloun, Dawn (Tate) Switzer, Melissa (Brandon) Burgad, Derek (Caitlyn) Edgar, Brock (Brooke) Edgar, Brady (Hannah) Edgar, and Chloe Edgar; great grandchildren: Cole, Wyatt, and Chase Baloun, Koen and Tegan Switzer, Bryley, Avery, and Baelyn Burgad, Titus and Kimber Edgar, Jace, Gage, Shae and Kade Edgar, and Zeke and Jax Edgar; siblings: Darwin Baloun, Virginia Wieseler, Donna Jean (Arnie) Gutenkauf, Carol Ann Myler, and Richard (Carol) Baloun; sisters-in-law, Genevieve Zens and Sharon Baloun; and numerous nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Ray and Alice Baloun; daughter, Patrice Baloun; granddaughter, Briana Baloun; nephew, Shane Gutenkauf; and brothers-in-law: Robert Wieseler, Dick Myler, Edmund, Hugh, and Eugene Zens.

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Arrangements entrusted to:
Luce Funeral Home
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