



**CLOSE THE GATE**  
By Nancy Kraayenhof

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.



Faulkton, South Dakota  
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**In Loving Memory Of**  
**Graham "Buster" E. McQuown**

*April 25, 1924*

*May 4, 2021*

*Seneca, South Dakota*

*Faulkton, South Dakota*

**MASS OF CHRISTIAN BURIAL:**

*2:30 p.m., Thursday, May 6, 2021*

*St. Thomas the Apostle Church*

*Faulkton, South Dakota*

**OFFICIATING:**

*Fr. Christopher Hughes*

**LECTOR:**

*Eric Schwan*

**URN BEARERS:**

*Mike Turnwall and Brendan McQuown*

**ORGANIST:**

*Linda Bartholomew*

**VOCALIST:**

*Jerry Bowar*

**HYMNS:**

*"Old Rugged Cross"*

*"Ave Maria"*

*"If You Could See Me Now"*

*"Be Not Afraid"*

**INURNMENT:**

*St. Boniface Catholic Cemetery*

*Seneca, South Dakota*



**Graham “Buster” E. McQuown**, 97, of Seneca, passed away Tuesday, May 4, 2021 at Faulkton Area Medical Center surrounded by family.

Buster was born on April 25, 1924 to Graham and Fannie (Alexander) McQuown. He attended a rural country school which was about six miles from the McQuown home. He rode a horse on most days to and from school. Buster graduated from Seneca High School in 1943.

Following graduation from high school, Buster worked for various people in farming operations. Buster worked from sunup to sundown in an effort to save money for his own dream...his own farm. He still found time to drive the dirt roads to the local communities for dances and celebrations. At a skating outing, he met Joyce Spindler, his future bride. They were married on September 22, 1953 at St. Anthony Catholic Church, Hoven, SD.

Buster and Joyce decided to buy the Fred Kittleman place in 1955. Buster remained on that very farm for the rest of his life.

Buster will be remembered for his love of his land and the livestock he so carefully raised. Buster was always looking to the future. There were cows to feed, hay to be made, and fences to be fixed. He loved the life he carved out so much that he could not see anything or anywhere else he would want to be. Buster was always looking to improve his operations whether it was for farming or cattle.

As with many of Buster’s generation, he was interested in the people of his community. He could always start a conversation with an old friend, or a brand new one. Buster’s children can attest to the fact that he knew people far and wide. Somehow it would become known that you were Buster’s kid and reminiscing would commence.

Buster’s memory will be cherished by his wife of 67+ years, Joyce McQuown of Seneca; children: Patty (Mike) Turnwall, Dale McQuown, Donald (Linda) McQuown, and Peggy (Todd) Mann; seven grandchildren, Sara (Elijah), Mike (Emily), Brendan (Shelby), Noel, Kayla (Eric), Nicole (Blake), and Jessie (Landon); fourteen great grandchildren, Layla, Roman, Maxwell, Callahan, Caleb, Haley, Hannah, Harper, Connor, Faith, Crew, Thad, Theo and Beckett.

Buster was preceded in death by his parents and all four of his sisters, Gladys (Harold Duncan), Maxine (Art King), Dorothea (Elmer Denvers), and Roberta (Don Baloun) and one brother Robert (Rose).

Rest In Peace dear husband, father, grandfather, great grandfather, and friend. Your work here is done.

In lieu of flowers, memorials are being directed to St. Thomas Church, c/o St. Boniface Catholic Cemetery, PO Box 394, Faulkton, SD 57438.



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**1924 ~ 2021**

