

## CLOSE THE GATE

By Nancy Kraayenhoef

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**

# James Francis Beidler

June 3, 1966  
Huron, South Dakota

February 21, 2022  
Aberdeen, South Dakota

### **CELEBRATION OF LIFE:**

11:00 a.m., Friday, February 25, 2022  
St. Liborius Catholic Church  
Polo, South Dakota

**OFFICIATING:**  
Fr. Randy Phillips

**EULOGIST:**  
John Mewes

**MUSICIANS:**  
Morgan Mewes, Trish Harrell, and Nancy Harrell  
“*Amazing Grace, My Chains are Gone*”

**MUSICAL SELECTIONS:**  
“*Hallelujah*”  
“*Jealous of the Angels*”

\*\*A reception will be held after the service  
at the Polo Community Hall.



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**James "Jim" Beidler**, 55, of Faulkton, passed away Monday, February 21, 2022 at Avera St. Luke's Hospital, Aberdeen.

Jim was born on June 3, 1966 in Huron, SD to Mary Ann (Wieseler) and Elwood Beidler. He grew up on a farm south of Orient, SD, and attended St. Liborius and Polo High School, graduating in 1984. Even before finishing high school, Jim began his farming career with his father and brothers. On September 7, 1990, Jim married the love of his life, Diane Koeck in Miller, SD. Jim and Diane farmed south of Orient until they moved to Faulkton in 2006. Jim continued to farm in the area. His drive and passion for farming improvements lead him to become a certified crop advisor. Besides his love of farming, Jim was a "foodie." He loved brewing a great cup of coffee and finding gadgets to make the best food. He was an avid sports fan of the Faulkton Trojans and Pittsburgh Steelers. He loved to engage in conversations especially with his in-laws, the Koeck boys; his family, and friend, Rick Knecht. "The thing about it is..." Jim loved to talk. But most of all, his family meant more to him than anything else in the world and he was most proud of his children, Courtney and Kurt.

Privileged to have shared in Jim's life are his wife of 32 years, Diane, Faulkton; two children: Courtney (Austin Dockter), Milbank, SD, and Kurt, Faulkton, SD; mother, Mary Ann Beidler, Faulkton, SD; five siblings: Marilyn (Gary) Campbell, Marvin (Tracy) Beidler, Rick (Susan Baxter) Beidler, Carol (Jason) Poppens, and Brian (Audumn) Beidler; along with many nieces, nephews, in-laws, and cousins; and most recently, his grand puppy, Bandit.

He was preceded in death by his father, Elwood; his in-laws, Francis and Agnes Koeck; maternal grandparents, Albert and Anna Wieseler; paternal grandparents, Robert and Marion Beidler; and niece, Michelle Beidler.

