

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.



Gettysburg, South Dakota
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In Loving Memory Of

Morris "Morey" Simon

*February 17, 1926
Hoven, South Dakota*

*October 20, 2014
Gettysburg, South Dakota*

WAKE SERVICE

*7:00 p.m., Friday, October 24, 2014
Sacred Heart Catholic Church ~ Gettysburg, South Dakota*

MASS OF CHRISTIAN BURIAL

*10:30 a.m., Saturday, October 25, 2014
Sacred Heart Catholic Church ~ Gettysburg, South Dakota*

OFFICIATING

Fr. Jerry Kopel

LECTOR

Chuck Simon

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER

Don Hericks

CASKETBEARERS

*Heidi Wright, Rebecca Glover, Jeremy Simon,
Jessika Simon, Dawson Simon and Les Simon*

OFFERTORY

Diane Simon, Judy Simon and Craig Weinkauff

ALTAR SERVERS: *Shad and Seth Sharp*

USHERS: *Randy Simon and Richard Kaup*

MUSICIAN: *Lexie Vogel*

HYMNS: "Amazing Grace" "On Eagle's Wings"
"Be Not Afraid" "Song of Farewell" "How Great Thou Art"

INTERMENT

Sacred Heart Catholic Cemetery ~ Gettysburg, South Dakota

Morris “Morey” Edward Simon, 88, of Gettysburg, passed away Monday, October 20, 2014 at Avera Oahe Manor, Gettysburg, surrounded by his loving family.

Born February 17, 1926, to John and Mary (Pruys) Simon, Morey grew up on a farm west of Hoven. After a short time working in California, he returned to South Dakota and married Colleen Ann Tays on a cold and windy Tuesday, December 30, 1947. Shortly after, they bought a farm two miles west of Lebanon where they raised their four children and stayed until moving to the Oahe Villa in Gettysburg in 2012.

Morey loved his family, farming, his Catholic faith, and community service. He was Grand Knight of the Hoven Knights of Columbus and State Deputy Grand Knight, a long-time lector at St. Mary’s Church in Lebanon, served on the board and chairman of Mid-Dakota Water District (1988-2005), and served in many leadership roles with the Livestock Feeders Association and National Cattlemen’s Association. He spent over 30 years in active county service, including the Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Service (now FSA), and served many years on the Lebanon Equity Exchange and the Hoven Equity Exchange boards.

He is survived by his loving wife, Colleen of Gettysburg; children: Gary (Sandra) Simon of Madeira Beach, FL, Maure Ann (Craig) Weinkauff of Watertown, Jerry (Judy) Simon, Gettysburg, and Pat (Diane) Simon, Lebanon; six grandchildren: Heidi Weinkauff Wright, Rebecca Weinkauff Glover, Jeremy Simon, Jessika Simon, Andrew Simon, Dawson Simon; three great grandchildren; one brother, Vic (Ann) Simon; and numerous nephews and nieces.

Morris was preceded in death by his parents and brothers: Paul, Herb, and Harold.

Memorials can be directed to the Sacred Heart Church Building Fund, PO Box 285, Gettysburg, SD 57442 or the St. Anthony Knights of Columbus, PO Box 324, Hoven, SD 57450.



Morris Edward Simon
1926 ~ 2014