

## 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*

### **Prayer Service:**

7:00 p.m., Sunday, October 7, 2018  
United Methodist Church  
Gettysburg, South Dakota

### **Funeral Service:**

10:30 a.m., Monday, October 8, 2018  
United Methodist Church  
Gettysburg, South Dakota

**Minister:** Rev. Jeff Adel

### **Casketbearers:**

"Nephews"

Keith Osier - Dallas Corcoran  
Kelly Osier - Dillion Corcoran  
Tony Larson - Eric Musil  
Jason Nagel - Austin Musil

**Ushers:** Bill Fischer - Darrin Simon

**Pianist:** Nancy Smith

**Vocalist:** Sarah Tanner

### **Musical Selections:**

"It Is Well With My Soul"  
"Jealous of the Angels" - "Grandpa"  
"Nearer, my God, to Thee" - "Amazing Grace"

### **Interment:**

Gettysburg Cemetery  
Gettysburg, South Dakota

Arrangements Entrusted to  
Luce Funeral Home - Gettysburg, South Dakota  
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*Celebrating*  
THE LIFE OF

## Ronald V. Larson

October 19, 1947 - October 2, 2018



*Ronald Vernon Larson was born October 19, 1947 to Vernon and Doris (Stoner) Larson. He graduated from Gettysburg High school in 1965.*

*On September 18, 1971 Ronald was united in marriage to Gail Sloat. They have two sons, Douglas and David. Together they bought her family's farm in 1981, where they farmed, ranched and raised registered Angus cattle for many years. He farmed for many years with his dad and brother Vaughn. He spent the remainder of his life working the land he so loved. In 2007 Ron and Gail opened their Bed and Breakfast, Larson's Landing.*

*In his younger years Ron enjoyed racing cars and flying airplanes. He enjoyed attending auctions, watching his grandkids school events, and helping Gail and the grandkids with their horses. Ron was always building things, whether it was welding or carpentry. There wasn't anything that he couldn't fix or build.*

*He was a member of Farm Bureau, Gettysburg City Council, Dakota Krusers Car Club and the United Methodist Church, serving on various boards including the current board of trustees.*

*In 2009 Ron underwent a Kidney transplant and received a donor kidney from his sister Rochelle. Upon his death, he was able to be a donor himself, with some of his tissues going to people in need.*

*Ronald is survived by his son Doug (Jessica) and their children: Delanie, Emilie and Abbie of Gettysburg; son, David (Jennifer) and their children Connor and Landon of Gettysburg; mother, Doris Larson of Gettysburg;*

*mother-in-law, Dorothy Sloat of Gettysburg; step mother-in-law, Sylvia Sloat of Gettysburg; brother, Vaughn (Stacy) Larson; sisters, Marsha (Dan) Osier and Sandra (Gary) Nagel all of Gettysburg, Rochelle (Jim) Borszich, Tammie (Jim) Musil, and Lori (Dave) Corcoran all of Huron; brother and sisters-in-law: Dan (Deb) Sloat of Helena MT, Judy (Frank) Pearman of Babson Park, FL, Carol (Jim) Zimmerman of Austin, TX, Connie (Bill) St. Clair of Sioux Falls, SD and many aunts, uncles, cousins, nieces and nephews.*

*He was preceded in death by his wife, Gail; his father, Vernon Larson; and his father-in-law, Gene Sloat.*

