



GOD MADE A FARMER

And on the 8th day, God looked down
on His planned paradise and said,
"I need a caretaker."

So God made

A FARMER

God said, "I need somebody willing to get up
before dawn, milk cows, work all day
in the fields and milk cows again.

I need somebody with arms strong enough
to rustle a calf and yet gentle enough to
deliver his own grandchild. I need somebody
who'll bale a family together with the soft
strong bonds of sharing, who will laugh and
then sigh, and then reply, with smiling eyes,
when his son says that he wants to spend
his life 'doing what dad does'."

So God made



Gettysburg, South Dakota
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In Loving Memory Of Royce Myron Simon

June 27, 1930 December 28, 2023
Bowdle, South Dakota Gettysburg, South Dakota

WAKE SERVICE:

7:00 p.m., Wednesday, January 3, 2024
Sacred Heart Catholic Church ~ Gettysburg, South Dakota

MASS OF CHRISTIAN BURIAL:

10:30 a.m., Thursday, January 4, 2024
Sacred Heart Catholic Church ~ Gettysburg, South Dakota

OFFICIATING: Fr. Brian Simon

LECTOR: Mike Bohnenkamp

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER: Jackie Hansen

OFFERTORY: Stuart, Tammy, and Megan Simon

CASKET BEARERS:

Stuart Simon, Todd Storer,
Kelly Kirby, Ken Schlezes,
John Sennott, and Tim Grau

HONORARY CASKET BEARERS:

All of Royce's Grandchildren,
Great Grandchildren, and Great-Great Grandchildren

MUSICIANS: Colleen Simon and Hannah Kirby

HYMNS:

"Oh, Come All Ye Faithful" "Be Not Afraid" "Amazing Grace"
"How Great Thou Art" "Song of Farewell" "On Eagle's Wings"

INTERMENT:

St. Mary's Catholic Cemetery ~ Lebanon, South Dakota
With Military Honors

Royce Simon, 93, of Lebanon, passed away Thursday, December 28, 2023, at Avera Oahe Manor, Gettysburg.

Royce Myron Simon was born June 27, 1930, in Bowdle, SD, to Matt and Grace (Clark) Simon. He grew up on the family farm, which has been in the family for over 100 years. Royce had a great love for horses and spent many hours enjoying them.

He attended the old Lebanon School in Lebanon, SD. Royce served in the United States Army from 1956 to 1957, returning home to help work on the farm. He met Betty Louise Grau, and they were married on April 4, 1959, in Faulkton, SD. They lived on the family farm and worked it together. Royce served on the Farm Credit Board from 1994 to 1997, and he was a County Commissioner for Potter Country from 1992 to 1996.

Royce is survived by his three sons: Ronald "Ronnie" of Lebanon, SD, Rodney "Rod" of Aberdeen, SD, and Randy (Marilyn) of Hooper, Utah; three step granddaughters; ten great grandchildren; one great-great grandchild; and numerous nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents; wife, Betty; four brothers: baby boy Simon, Sylvester Simon, Gerald Simon, and Edward Simon; and seven sisters: Lavicia Vikre, Lucille Kuhns, Edith Baus, Joyce Benck, Althea Simon, Sylvia Bergeson, and Victorine Schlezes.

In Loving Memory
Royce M. Simon



Farmers
THE BEST OF MANKIND