



# 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*

**In Loving Memory Of**

## Royce Myron Simon

June 27, 1930

Bowdle, South Dakota

December 28, 2023

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

**EUCARISTIC 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 County 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**

