



A uniqueness that could only come
from a Creator's TOUCH,
A life lived with simplicity of purpose
and unyielding
strength
From moment to moment,
All of life's needs were met with a peace
that surpasses all understanding,
And now to the heavens,
A life rises up like a leaf
Carried by the Wind.

The Farmer's Creed

We believe a person's greatest possession is their dignity and that no calling bestows this more abundantly than farming.

We believe hard work and honest sweat are the building blocks of a person's character.

We believe that farming, despite its hardships and disappointments, is the most honest and honorable way a person can spend their days on this earth.

We believe that by our toil we are giving more to the world than we are taking from it, an honor that does not come to all people.

We believe when persons grow old and sum up their days, they should be able to stand tall and feel pride in the life they have lived.

We believe in farming
because it makes all this possible.

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Luze Funeral Home ~ Highmore, South Dakota
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In Loving Memory



Mark Edward Hague

1926 - 2015

Mark Hague, 88, of Highmore, passed away Saturday, April 25, 2015 at Highmore Health in Highmore, SD.

Mark Edward Hague was born May 27, 1926 to Alton Arrington and Margaret (Smith) Hague in Highmore, SD. He was the third of four brothers. Mark lived his entire life in Hyde County, attending rural grade schools in Van Order and Wm. Hamilton Townships. He graduated from Highmore High School in 1944.

On July 6, 1950, Mark married the love of his life, Mary Jean Dittman, daughter of Friedrich and Augusta (Kempf) Dittman. They lived and ranched northeast of Highmore in Wm. Hamilton Township for fifty years. They were blessed with four children: Joanne, Janet, Connie and Randy during their 59 years of marriage. Mark and Mary loved to dance, especially to the "Blue Skirt Waltz" and any polka the band played. Together they were members of Our Savior Lutheran Church of Highmore.

In 1998, Mary and Mark retired and moved into Highmore. Mark continued to work on the ranch he so loved. Mark was a tiller of his soil, a tender of his livestock, and a faithful steward of all that he had. He was no stranger to hardship as a child of the 1930's nor to tragedy with the loss of his brother Floyd during the war. Mark is remembered for his honesty, kind nature, and unfailing work ethic. He was highly intelligent and an avid reader on a wide variety of subjects.

Mark was a man who did business with a smile and a handshake. He was a beloved husband, father, grandfather, neighbor and friend who was quick to see the humor and appreciate a laugh around the dinner table.

Mark's memory will be cherished by his four children: Joanne Hague of Jackson, WY, Janet (Michael) Gresh of Winston-Salem, NC, Connie (Tom) Birdwell of Middletown, OH and Randy (Kelly) Hague of Highmore; his grandchildren: Amy Putnam of Charlotte, NC, Charlie Putnam of Stephenville, TX, John Gresh of Winston-Salem, NC, Amanda Birdwell of Cincinnati, OH, Mark Birdwell of Destin, FL and Tracy, Kaitlyn and Mark Hague of Highmore; and his brother: Frank Hague of Placentia, CA.

He was preceded in death by his beloved wife Mary; his parents, Alton and Margaret Hague; and two brothers: Kenneth and Floyd Hague.

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May 27, 1926
Highmore, South Dakota

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FUNERAL SERVICE

10:30 a.m., Monday, May 4, 2015
Our Savior Lutheran Church
Highmore, South Dakota

CLERGY

Pastor Terry Knudson

CASKETBEARERS

Charlie Putnam – John Gresh – Mark Birdwell
Mark L. Hague – Don Hemminger
Everett Clement – Greg Clement

HONORARY CASKETBEARERS

Mark's Family & Friends

USHERS

Burton Anderson – Dennis Ruzicka

GUESTBOOK

Carol Faulstich – Judy Schuette

FLOWERBEARER

Gladys Volek

ORGANIST

Chantrel LaMont

VOCALIST

Roger Day – "Plow the Fields and Scatter"

MUSICAL SELECTIONS

"Old Rugged Cross"
"My Faith Looks Up To Thee" – "Amazing Grace"

INTERMENT

Highmore Cemetery
Highmore, South Dakota