



Larry Arlen Weidenbach, 81, of Highmore, entered heavenly rest after a prolonged illness on Friday, April 14, 2017 at Avera St. Mary's Hospital, Pierre.

Larry was born on January 26, 1936 in Veblen, South Dakota, the son of Leo A. and Leona (Sunding) Weidenbach. Two sisters, Sylvia and Janice joined the family. He was baptized on April 26, 1936 at the Lutheran church in Lake City, SD.

Larry moved to Hyde County, SD around 1947. After graduating from Highmore High School in 1954, Larry enlisted in the United States Army. He spent his two-year enlistment in Germany. When he returned from Germany, Larry married Esther Jensen of Highmore on June 16, 1957. Larry and Esther met while attending schools in Hyde County.

Larry loved rural life. A farmer and rancher, he was especially proud the farm has been in the family for 132 years. An avid hunter and fisherman, he looked forward to hosting family and friends for pheasant hunts.

Friendly and outgoing, Larry enjoyed visiting with life-long friends and new acquaintances alike. With every visit, you could expect a story and a good laugh. A lifelong Lutheran, church was very important to him. To Larry, you didn't just attend a church, you participated in the life of the congregation.

Larry and Esther were blessed with four children: Lawrence (Barb) Weidenbach of Highmore; Colleen (Louis) Jensen of Flower Mound, TX; Dorinda (Kevin) Wilson of Marysville, OH and Gary (Carmen) Weidenbach of Paola, KS.

Larry especially loved his grandkids: Kris (Blake) Sweeter of Highmore; Daniel Weidenbach of Highmore; Michael Weidenbach of Selby, SD; Colin Weidenbach of Highmore; Lance (Kelsey) Jensen of Garland, TX; Jesse (Alicia) Jensen of Dallas, TX; Morgan Weidenbach of Paola, KS; Quinton Weidenbach of Paola, KS; Barrett (Mary) Wilson of London, OH; McKenzie Wilson of Marysville, OH and Aidan Wilson of Marysville, OH. Larry and Esther have one great-grandchild: Kirby Sweeter of Highmore.

Larry and Esther made numerous trips to Hawaii. Larry called the island of Kauai, "Paradise on Earth." Larry died on Good Friday. The Good Friday service includes the account of Jesus telling the thief on the cross next to him, "Today you will be with me in paradise." In honor of this conjuncture, Larry's extended family will wear Hawaiian or floral shirts at the funeral.

## God's Farm

God needs someone in Heaven  
To plow and plant the rows  
And when He calls on me,  
I know that I must go.

Remember that I won't be gone,  
I will just be away,  
Working on God's farm  
'Til we're united again one day.

There will be no storms in Heaven  
And the fields are long and straight.  
When it's time for you to join me,  
I'll be waiting inside Heaven's gate.

Remember, until the day arrives  
When once more our lives we'll share,  
To look in the green fields growing  
And you'll see me working there.

*In Loving Memory*

# Larry Arlen Weidenbach

January 26, 1936  
Veblen, South Dakota

April 14, 2017  
Pierre, South Dakota

**PRAYER SERVICE:** 6:30 p.m., Thursday, April 20, 2017  
Sedgwick Lutheran Church – Rural Highmore, South Dakota

**FUNERAL SERVICE:** 11:00 a.m., Friday, April 21, 2017  
Our Savior Lutheran Church - Highmore, South Dakota

**OFFICIATING:** Pastor Obed Nelson

**USHERS:** Terry Spilde and Larry Nickelson

**CASKETBEARERS: "GRANDSONS"** Lance Jensen, Jesse Jensen, Daniel Weidenbach, Michael Weidenbach,  
Colin Weidenbach, Barrett Wilson, Aidan Wilson, Quinton Weidenbach, and Blake Sweeter

**HONORARY CASKETBEARERS: "GRANDDAUGHTERS"** Kristina Sweeter, McKenzie Wilson,  
Morgan Weidenbach, Mary Wilson, Kelsey Jensen, and Alicia Wilson

**FLOWER BEARERS:** Dee Luze and Paula Spilde

**GUESTBOOK:** McKenzie Wilson, Morgan Weidenbach, and Dwan DeGeest

**ORGANIST:** Chantrel LaMont

**VOCALIST:** Robert Bawdon - "Outskirts of Heaven" "Wings of a Dove"

**HYMNS:** "How Great Thou Art" "Amazing Grace"

**INTERMENT:** Pleasant View Cemetery – Rural Highmore, South Dakota  
With Military Honors

**Arrangements Entrusted To:** Luze Funeral Home, Highmore, South Dakota, [www.familyfuneralhome.net](http://www.familyfuneralhome.net)