



In Loving Memory
CELEBRATING A LIFE

Private Mass of Christian Burial:

10:00 a.m., Saturday, April 4, 2020

St. Mary's Catholic Church

Highmore, South Dakota

Celebrant: Father Paul Josten

Honorary Casketbearers:

Arlene Mehrer - James Helsper - Maurice Ravnaas

Steven Jesson - Gary Myers - Marty Winckler

Dennis Marso - Don Zilverberg

Interment:

St. John's Catholic Cemetery

Harrold, South Dakota

Public Celebrations of Life

will be held at a later date

Arrangements Entrusted To



Highmore, South Dakota
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Celebrating
THE LIFE OF
Sheldon Pete Reding

May 25, 1944 - March 30, 2020



Close the Gate (For Dad)

By Nancy Kraayenhof

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.

Sheldon Pete Reding, 75, of Harrold, passed away March 30, 2020 in his home surrounded by his family.

Sheldon was born May 25, 1944 in Harrold, SD to Peter and Evelyn (Boehimer) Reding. He grew up on the farm three miles west of Harrold along Highway 14 until he was in the third grade and then moved into town where he lived until he was married. He married the love of his life, Corien Fast on June 11, 1965. They were blessed with four children: Raymond, Ronnie, Roanna, and Reva. Sheldon and his wife Corien then moved to their farm known as the "Summerside Ranch" which is a mile south of Harrold.

Sheldon was baptized, confirmed, and active in the Harrold Catholic Church and a member of the Knights of Columbus.

Sheldon farmed and ranched his entire life. He had a passion for dirt track racing. He raced for 30 plus years. He earned his pilot's license and had the nick name "The Flying Farmer" while racing. During his racing career he won many trophy's, championships, and raced at different dirt tracks. Other hobbies include bowling, playing cards, and shooting pool in his younger years. He made a trip to Sturgis, SD this past summer with his daughter and son-in-law for the rallies.

He rode his Goldwing Honda that he purchased a couple years ago. Sheldon and Corien would enjoy heading to Deadwood for Deadwood Nights for quite a few a few years. He also enjoyed taking the side-by-side along with his sweetheart and checked the cattle or just enjoyed the view. He often spent his evenings sitting on the deck with his wife to breath in the fresh air and enjoy the scenery. He had a talent of being able to pull scraps out of the tree patch and build something useful for the shop. He also enjoyed spending time with his grandchildren. You might even catch him playing with his kitten at the shop, he had a strong presence with a soft heart.

Sheldon will be greatly missed by his wife, Corien of Harrold; children: Raymond Reding (fiancé Elaine Erickson) of Harrold, Ronnie (Twila) Reding of Blunt, Roanna (Lonnie) Garland of Cottage Grove, MN; Reva (David) Schulte of Oakdale, MN; thirteen grandchildren; and three great grandchildren.

He is proceeded in death by parents, Evelyn and Peter Reding; grandparents, Elizabeth and August Boehmer; grandparents-in-law, Ida and Edward Fast; sister and brother-in-law, Kathy and Ed Ravnaas; aunt and uncle, John and Dorothy Zilverberg; aunt and uncle, Marcella and Nester Auch; and grandchild, Tristan.