

Close the Gate

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.

Nancy Kraayenhof

Celebrating a life well lived

Lee Lammers

1922 - 2016



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Leo "Lee" Joseph Lammers, 93, of Miller, passed away on April 10, 2016.

Lee was born the second of ten children to Joseph and Anna (Hardes) Lammers on October 24, 1922 on the home place in Hand County in Florence township. Lee attended school in Polo and spent his entire life ranching in Hand County. When his family moved to Sioux Falls in the late 1940's and formed Lammers Beverage Company, Lee stayed in the Polo area and worked for area ranchers as a hired hand, knowing city life was not for him.

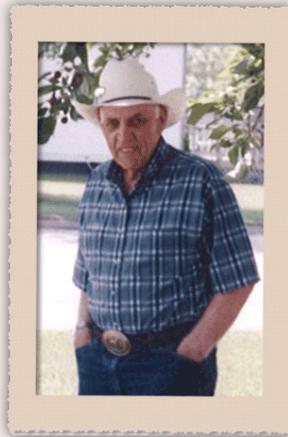
On January 16, 1952, Lee married Patricia Ann Weise and the two were able to return to Lee's home ranch and raise their family of seven children there. After many happy years of marriage Pat passed away on May 19, 1996. Lee moved to the "city" (Miller), but still made sure he was available any time cows were worked.

After several years alone, Lee met Magdalen "Mac" Dailey and the two were married on December 9, 1999. They had four happy years together before Mac passed away in 2003.

Lee had many fond memories of his family, friends, and neighbors and on a good Sunday, his kids would try to pry stories of his childhood out of him. He was passionate about improving his cattle bloodlines, breaking horses, and sitting many hours in the early mornings listening to the news and markets with pages and pages of figures to try to make the best better. Lee loved dancing, spending time with his family, and especially his grandchildren. The grandchildren reciprocated this love and constantly fought over who got to ride along with grandpa when moving cows.

Lee is survived by his children: Duane (Rose) Lammers, Manitoba, Canada; Dan (Laurel) Lammers, Miller; Dave (Barb) Lammers, Jordan, MT; Ken (Sue) Lammers, Miller; Suzy (Luke) Wernsmann, Miller; Pam (Chuck) Hamlin, Highmore; and Jackie (Andy) Clemen, Aberdeen; step-children: Jean (Aaron) Dailey Jacobs, Joan (Lynn) Harvel, Janice Dailey, Pat (Mary) Dailey, Mike (Suzanne) Dailey, and Tim (Vicki) Dailey; siblings: Agnes Kolda, Mary McDermott, Betty Matthews, Jane Van Hove, Ellie Sabers, and Ed Lammers; grandchildren: Austin (Kimberly), Devin (Laura), and Alex Lammers; Libby (Ken) Jones, Emily Lammers; Amy (Mark) Zehms, Troy (Nikki), Bart, and Clay (Amanda) Lammers; Brady (Jaimi), Monty (Erin), and Kristi Lammers; Rusty and Kyle Wernsmann; Holly, Tierny, Tyann, and Hadley Hamlin; Levi and Amanda Clemen; 10 great-grandchildren; and many beloved nieces and nephews.

Lee was preceded in death by: his parents; first wife, Patricia Lammers; second wife, Magadalen Dailey Lammers; and brothers: Paul Lammers, Mel Lammers, and Cal Lammers.



Lee Joseph Lammers

October 24, 1922 - April 10, 2016

Funeral Service

10:30 a.m., Saturday, April 16, 2016

St. Ann Catholic Church
Miller, South Dakota

Casketbearers

Brady Lammers, Emily Lammers,
Levi Clemen, Hadley Hamlin,
Rusty Wernsmann,
Clay Lammers, Austin Lammers

Ushers

Rob Schlechter, Lloyd Schwartz,
Bart Lammers, Troy Lammers,
Kyle Wernsmann, Devin Lammers,
Alex Lammers

Guestbook

Kristi Lammers, Tierny Hamlin

Altar Servers

Patricia Lammers, James Lammers

Lectors

Holly Hamlin, Monty Lammers

Eucharistic Ministers

Mike Schaefer, Suzi Brueggeman

Giftbearers

Libby Jones, Amanda Clemen,
Tyann Hamlin, Amy Zehms

Honorary Casketbearers

Lee's Grandchildren &
Great-Grandchildren

Organist

Katherine Porter

Vocalists

St. Ann's Choir

Music Selections

Be Not Afraid, On Eagle's Wings,
Amazing Grace, Gifts of Finest Wheat,
Celtic Song of Farewell, How Great
Thou Art

Interment

St. Ann's Catholic Cemetery,
Miller, South Dakota

