

Flyer's Prayer

*When this life I'm in is done,
And at the gates I stand,
My hope is that I answer all
His questions on command
I doubt He'll ask me of my fame,
Or all the things I knew,
Instead He'll ask of rainbows sent
On rainy days I flew.
The hours logged, the status reached,
The ratings will not matter,
He'll ask me if I saw the rays
And how He made them scatter.
Or what about the droplets clear,
I spread across your screen?
And did you see the twinkling eyes,
Of student pilots keen?
The way your heart jumped in your chest,
That special solo day,
Did you take time to thank the ones
Who fell along the way?
How fast, how far, how much, how high?
He'll ask me not these things
But did I take the time to watch
The moonbeams wash my wings?
And did you see the patchwork fields
And mountains I did mold,
And when the goals are reached at last,
When all the flying's done,
I'll answer Him with no regret –
Indeed I had some fun.
So when these things are asked of me,
And I can reach no higher,
My prayer this day – His hand extends
To welcome home a Flyer.*

Wake:

7:00 p.m., Friday, November 16, 2018
St. Liborius Catholic Church - Polo, South Dakota

Funeral Mass:

10:30 a.m., Saturday, November 17, 2018
St. Liborius Catholic Church - Polo, South Dakota

Celebrant: Father Christopher Hughes

Casketbearers: "Grandsons"

Nathan Haneke - Colin Bertsch - Connor Bertsch
Dyllun Haneke - Justin Haneke - Ty Haneke
Colton Haneke - Dillon Lucas
Rylan Haneke - Braden Haneke

Honorary Casketbearers: "Granddaughters"

Taylor Schlechter - Callie Schlechter - Ashley Haneke
Jessica Haneke - Brianne Bertsch - Hadley Haneke
Morgan Haneke - Jersey Lucas

Ushers: Rich Siegman - Todd Herrig - Kevin Lippert

Lectors: Colin Bertsch - Taylor Schlechter
Connor Bertsch

Eulogist: Natalie Bertsch

Placing of the Pall: Leo Haneke - Jon Haneke

Altar Servers: Callie Schlechter - Rylan Haneke

Offertory: Brianne Bertsch - Justin Haneke
Ashley Haneke - Braden Haneke - Morgan Haneke

Congregational Hymns:

"Amazing Grace" - "On Eagle's Wings"
"Ave Maria In Paradisum" - "How Great Thou Art"

Interment with Military Honors:

Mount Calvary Cemetery
Polo, South Dakota

Arrangements Entrusted to
Reck Funeral Home - Miller, South Dakota
www.familyfuneralhome.net



Celebrating THE *Life* OF
Robert J. Haneke

June 22, 1938 - November 12, 2018



Robert J. Haneke was born June 22, 1938 to Fredrick and Elizabeth (Kriener) Haneke on the family farm near Orient, SD. He attended St. Liborius School at Polo.

On February 10, 1965, Bob married Barbara Jean Bucher and to this union, eight children were born: Theresa, Leo, Ron, Natalie, Ray, Jim, Jon, and Joe. Later Dean Schlechter joined the family. On June 22, 2002, he married Janet Lee (Kempf) Ellsworth. They made their home in Polo until moving to Hartford and later Sioux Falls.

Bob had many different ventures throughout his life. He farmed, co-owned and operated K&H Processing with his good friends Verlin and Lucille Kolda, and later owned the Polo Store where his people skills and personality really shined. Haneke Dairy was the next venture and finally Pheasant Tail Farms which later became Flying J Outfitters; working with his sons. He was known at the pheasant lodge as the bus driver, cook, handyman, and was the all-around entertainment director for over a decade. The hunters all loved Bob.

Bob was a lifetime member of St. Liborius Catholic Church and his faith was very important to him. He was a member of National Guard as well as proud member of the Polo American Legion, which was a true source of pride and joy to him. In his spare time, he enjoyed fishing, singing, and playing the organ, accordion, and piano all by ear. He provided the musical entertainment at the Ponderosa for years. He and Jan loved camping with The Good Sam Club with his good friends George and Delores Wieseler and many others. Owning and piloting his own plane with the CB handle "Yellow Bird Base", brought one of the longest-running, greatest pleasures of his life taught by his dear friend, Jim Kinney. Later, he enjoyed time spent flying and visiting with Ray Zemilicka. He knew he was loved and blessed with his family and to spend his life on his farm.

Living Memory

His memory will be cherished by his children and grandchildren: Theresa Schlechter and Dean Schlechter and children: Taylor and Callie; Leo Haneke; Ron (Nicole) Haneke and children: Nathan, Ashley, and Jessica; Natalie (Brian) Bertsch and children: Colin, Brianne, and Connor; Ray (Olga) Haneke and son: Dyllum; Jim (Jessica) Haneke and children: Justin, Ty, Colton, Jersey, Dillon, and Hadley; Jon (Jessica) Haneke and children: Rylan, Braden, and Morgan; Joe Haneke; Gloria (Ron) Weidmann, William (Michelle) Ellsworth, Brenda (Mark) Johnson, and Gary (Julie) Ellsworth; grandchildren: Rory Ross (Jacalyn), Casey (Laiken) Wiedmann, Stephanie (Nick) Fisher, Grand Richard Ellsworth, Cody Ellsworth, Lindsey Sandell (Andy Dietrich), Kirsten (Harvard) Taylor, Kyle (Lexi) Fickes, Chelsey Ellsworth, and Gillian Ellsworth; great grandchildren: Reese, Reeve, Logan, Lukas, Paisley, Phoenix, Lennon, Braylon, Gabriel, Kylie, and Mila; one brother-in-law: Leo "Doc" Froning; and numerous nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents; wife, Janet; children's mother, Bobbi Jean Haneke; and siblings: Ben (Dena) Haneke, Elfrieda (Gerald) Martinmaas, and Lucy Froning.