GOD MADE A FARMER

And on the 8th day, God looked down
on His planned paradise and said,
"I need a caretaker."

So God made

A FARMER

God said, "I need somebody willing to get up
before dawn, milk cows, work all day
in the fields and milk cows again.
I need somebody with arms strong enough to
rustle a calf and yet gentle enough to deliver
his own grandchild. I need somebody who'll bale
a family together with the soft strong bonds
of sharing, who will laugh and then sigh, and
then reply, with smiling eyes, when his son says
that he wants to spend his life 'doing what dad
does'."

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Prayer Service & Rosary:
7:00 p.m., Friday, November 10, 2023
St. Ann's Catholic Church - Miller, S.D.

Funeral Mass:
10:00 a.m., Saturday, November 11, 2023
St. Ann's Catholic Church - Miller, S.D.

Celebrant: Father Paul Josten

Placing of the Pall: Marlene & Children

Casketbearers: Wesyn & Gatlun Brueggeman
Jaxson, Trevor, Hunter, Gunner Brueggeman
Victor & John Venjohn
Sawyer Linn, Braxton Brueggeman

Honorary Casketbearers:
Friendship Center Pool Players & Friends
Fellow Polo Legion Members

Ushers: Dennis Gilk & Ken Schaefer

Lectors: Shelby & Ashley Linn

Offertory: Kymber Brueggeman,
Tayler Brueggeman, & Lauren Venjohn

Eucharistic Minister: Pat Beaner

Musicians: Connie Schroeder,
Annie Fulton, & St. Ann's Choir

Music Selections:
"On Eagle's Wings" #440
"I Am the Bread of Life" #329
"Amazing Grace, My Chains Are Gone"
"Song of Farewell" #832
"Be Not Afraid" #439

Burial with Military Honors:
Mount Calvary Cemetery - Polo, S.D.

Following the service, the family invites everyone for
lunch served in the fellowship hall.

Gene Brueggeman

August 19, 1941
November 5, 2023

Gene Brueggeman, 82, of Miller, passed away in his sleep on Sunday, November 5, 2023, at the Good Samaritan Society in Miller.

Gene Brueggeman was born on August 19, 1941, in Pierre, SD to Leonard and Lyda Brueggeman, who resided in southern Hyde County. The family moved to the farm near Polo, SD in 1942, where he attended St. Liborius Catholic School. Gene joined the United States Navy after graduating high school. He spent the next four years in training and on the USS Intrepid for more than three years. Gene was an EM3 Electrician's Mate 3rd Class in the US Navy during his term of duty and was released from active duty entering the reserves on March 8, 1966. He was then honorably discharged on November 13, 1967.

Gene married Marlene Schaefers from Polo, SD on June 5, 1967. To this union were born their five children: Marjean, Damon, JoAnn, Jared, and Adam. The family was kept busy raising cattle, sheep, hogs, and random other critters as well as dad's favorite pets, horses. Gene loved to farm. He had a knack for raising hogs, which also not only helped to provide a living, but taught the kids what hard work was, even though they didn't like it! They still did it because he said so. He was a good provider for his family, teaching them the value and pride in hard work. As time passed, Gene slowly got out of raising livestock and farming, but always kept the farm a place so children and grandchildren could enjoy hunting and have a place to call home.

In addition to Gene's life on the farm, he was an active member of the Polo Legion and participated in almost all the Memorial Day services and honor guard. He traveled around to the surrounding cemeteries honoring the military. Gene was also an active member of the St. Liborius Catholic Church during their time on the farm.

Gene and Marlene built a new house and moved to Miller in 2008. Gene started to take up some hobbies including woodworking and sharpening his skills at playing pool in his later years at the Friendship Center. Throughout all his years, he also enjoyed taking the kids hunting and fishing and looked forward to every fall pheasant hunting season visiting with friends and relatives who traveled from far away to not just hunt but to enjoy some good times.

Gene is survived by his wife, Marlene, of 56 years; daughter, Marjean (Tim) Venjohn of Carthage, NC and children: Victor, John, and Lauren; son, Damon (Jamie) Brueggeman of Polo, SD on the family farm and their children: Braxton and Tayler; daughter, JoAnn (Jim) Linn of Brandon, SD and their children: Shelby and her fiancé Drew Sivertsen, Ashley, and Sawyer; son, Jared (Toinette) Brueggeman of Highmore, SD and their children: Jaxson and his fiancé Jillian Bosma, Trevor (Kendra) and their daughter Collins, Hunter, and Gunner; son, Adam (Andrea) Brueggeman of Huron, SD and their children: Wesyn, Kymber, and Gatlun; brother, Vince (Maxine) Brueggeman, Watertown; and brothers-in-law: Joe Aesoph, Seneca, and Derry Hochhalter, Sioux City, IA .

Gene was preceded in death by his parents: Leonard and Lyda Brueggeman; stepmother, Hattie Brueggeman; sisters: Audrey Hochhalter and Dianne Aesoph; brother, Dale Brueggeman; amd several aunts, uncles, and cousins.

The family of Gene Brueggeman would like to thank everyone for their thoughts and prayers throughout this difficult time.