

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.*

*Arrangements Entrusted to
Reck Funeral Home - Miller, South Dakota
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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
'till 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.*



Celebrating THE Life OF
James M. Wieseler

December 2, 1931 - October 17, 2018

James Michael Wieseler was born on December 2, 1931, to John and Rose (Pfister) Wieseler in their home in Park Township, Hand County near Polo, South Dakota. He attended elementary school at St. Liborius School in Polo and graduated from Fairview High School in Polo, class of 1950. He attended two years of college at University of South Dakota in Vermillion, SD. After his brother, George, enlisted in the Air Force, Jim returned home from college to help his parents on the farm. He was drafted into the US Army and served two years in the Korean War stateside. He returned to farm with his Dad and brother George, carrying on the family business of farming and ranching until retirement in 2006.

Jim married Marietta Smalls, from Terry, MT, at the Immaculate Conception Catholic Church at Bear Butte, SD on October 7, 1967. Jim met Marietta at a Fireman's Dance in Miller, SD when she came to Polo with a Presentation College classmate. To this union, they welcomed four children, Lanae, Rosemary, Laree and Rory.

Jim was involved in many community activities. He was a lector and sang with the choir at St. Liborius Church. He was a paid up for life (PUFL) member of the Richard Clement Legion Post 299 in Polo and held the offices of commander, adjutant, and treasurer. He was active in the Knights of Columbus in his younger years and was a lifetime member. He was also an active member of the National Farmers Organization (NFO) and was president of the local chapter in Hand County. He served on the Fairview Township schoolboard as president when they built the Polo High School. He was also chairman of Park Township board. After retirement from farming, Jim worked at the Ponderosa in Polo, where his quick wit was enjoyed by all.

Jim and Marietta liked to travel across the United States visiting family and friends. They made annual trips to Montana to visit Marietta's parents and family. They also made several trips with friends and family to conventions, weddings, and site-seeing vacations. Jim enjoyed following his children's and grandchildren's activities.

Jim is survived by his wife of 51 years, Marietta; his children: Lanae Wieseler, Rapid City, SD, Rosemary (Tori Bessette) Wieseler, Redford MI, Laree (Jerry) Giovannettone, Sioux Falls, SD, Rory (Jamie Sternhagen) Wieseler, Rapid City, SD; two grandchildren: John & Lane Giovannettone, Sioux Falls, SD; brother, John (Helen) Wieseler, Hazen, ND; sister, Elinor (Jim) Clingan, Westminster, MD; sisters-in-law: Delores Wieseler, Miller, SD, Joan Wieseler, Kennewick, WA; and many nieces and nephews.

He is preceded in death by his parents, John and Rose; one sister, Marcella; and two brothers: George and Leonard.

The family is grateful to Tony and Delila Coyle, Paton, Landon, and Jessie for being there to help Dad and Mom when they could not.

Remembering
THE LIFE OF

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Prayer Service:

4:00 p.m., Sunday, October 21, 2018
St. Liborius Catholic Church - Polo, South Dakota

Funeral Mass:

2:00 p.m., Monday, October 22, 2018
St. Liborius Catholic Church - Polo, South Dakota

Celebrants:

Father Christopher Hughes
Father Chester Murtha

Honorary Casketbearers:

American Legion
Richard Clement Legion Post 299
Polo Knights of Columbus

Ushers: Tony Coyle - Paul Schaefer

Lectors:

John Wieseler - Bruce Wieseler

Altar Servers:

Paton Coyle - Aleah Schlechter
VonnaGail Schlechter

Offertory:

John & Lane Giovannettone

Musicians:

Carol Schulz - Trixie Schlechter
Jamie Sternhagen

Musical Selections:

"Here I Am, Lord" - "Hosea"
"On Eagle's Wings" - "How Great Thou Art"

Interment at a later date:

Black Hills National Cemetery
Sturgis, South Dakota