

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.*



Faulkton, South Dakota
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Wake & Rosary Service:

7:00 p.m., Friday, July 24, 2026
St. Thomas the Apostle Catholic Church
Faulkton, South Dakota

Leader: Mary Ann Bent

Eulogist: Terri Roth

Music: "I Can Only Imagine" - Chris Hammond

Funeral Mass:

10:30 a.m., Saturday, July 25, 2026
St. Thomas the Apostle Catholic Church
Faulkton, South Dakota

Celebrant: Father John Short

Pallbearers:

Simon Bowar, Travis Foreman, Brexton Roth,
Cody Foreman, Shawn Myers, Travis Stevens

Placing of the Pall:

Chad, Diana, Henry, Calvin & Clay Homan

Lector: Gloria Bode

Eucharistic Minister: Simon Bowar

Gift Bearers: Teagan, Kyler, & Kelsa Foreman

Altar Servers: Ava & Clara Arbach

Musical Selections:

"Sacred Silence" - #577
"How Great Thou Art" - #431
"Tend the Ground" - #625
"The Day God Called You Home" - Jeff Bowar
"Song of Farewell" - #812
"How Can I Keep From Singing" - #445

Musicians:

Linda Bartholomew, Jeff Bowar,
John Bowar, St. Thomas Choir

Burial:

St. Thomas Catholic Cemetery
Faulkton, South Dakota

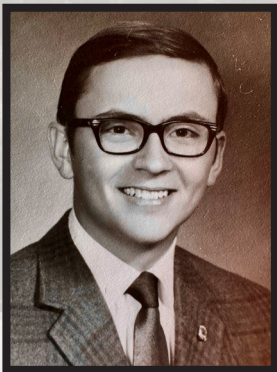
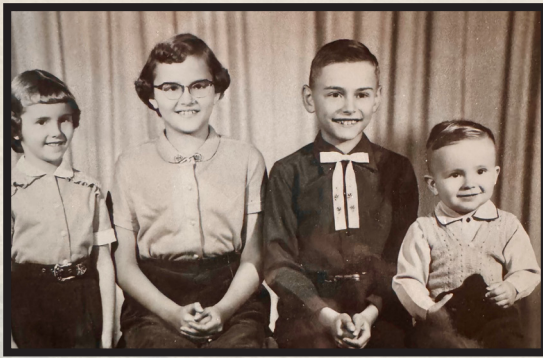
*The family warmly invites you
to join them for lunch and continued
fellowship at the church following the buiral.*



In Memory of

JERALD H. BOWAR

November 20, 1952 - July 15, 2026



Jerald H. Bowar, 73, of Faulkton, passed away Wednesday, July 15, 2026, at his farm where he lived his whole life. Leaving this earth was not his choice, but taking God's hand on the farm he loved was his just reward.

Jerald Herbert Bowar was born on November 20, 1952 to Herbert and Gladine (Wright) Bowar. He was the youngest of four children. Gladine called every year on his birthday to remind him that he weighed more than he should have at birth. It was a phone call Jerry cherished every year. He attended Orient Grade school and graduated from Faulkton High School in 1971. Following high school, he attended Lake Area Technical College for Carpentry Skills, or as Jerry always called it "wood butcher school". After trade school, he returned to farm and ranch with his Dad and Uncle Bub.

In June of 1974, he married Connie Myers. With this marriage, he gained a wonderful extended family in all the "Myers Boys".

On June 14, 1997, he married Sandy (Woodruff) Giesen, even though Sandy's Dad asked if he was just too old for her. He claimed he married her for her money, however, he was sure surprised when there was none. Jerry and Sandy spent many days camping and going to auction sales, trying to find that perfect treasure.

Jerry was the happiest when he was working and serving others. "No" was not in his vocabulary and he was a friend to everyone he met. Jerry was always humming a tune, whether he was working outside or sitting doing another passion of his, constructing model trucks. He often reminisced about singing in the church choir with his Uncle Bill. He took great comfort in being able to sing at funerals in hope of helping ease a family's grief.

Jerry was an active member of the Faulk County Saddle Club for 35 years. If you needed Jerry in the summertime, you would find him at the Rodeo Grounds. He took great pride in the rodeo and bull riding performances. He wanted the grounds to be perfect. The part he liked most was the enjoyment that the community had each year by coming out to the performance.

Jerry was always fixing things with the new tool he just had to have for the occasion. Friends and neighbors knew that if they needed a special tool for a project "Go ask Jerry, he will have it".

Another activity that put a smile on his face was creating or building with his hands. He tried his hardest to complete Sandy's "Honey-do" list, but it never seemed to get smaller. Everything he created was done to perfection and with love.

Jerry's heart was bigger than the world. His love for animals and caring for them was one of his greatest joys. From his Amerifax herd of cattle to his very large herd of cats, each one was special and was named. A piece of his heart broke each time an animal crossed the Rainbow Bridge. The Denver Stock Show and the South Dakota State Fair were highlights of his cattle showing days, sitting on the show box and solving all the world's problems with Don Ogren and family. Jerry and his Dad believed in the Amerifax breed and enjoyed many days together promoting their cattle breed.

He was most proud of all his extended family. You could see the joy and pride on his face when he got to watch his nieces, nephews, and godchildren accomplish what they loved.

Jerry was a faithful member of the St. Thomas Catholic Church. His dedication to his parish was unwavering and a true example of living out the faith through service. He was also a member of the Knights of Columbus.

Jerry is survived by his wife, Sandy; siblings: Linda (Bernie) Vogel of Faulkton, Tom (Mary) Bowar of Spearfish, and Jan (Special friend Frank Escobedo) Miller of Shertz, Texas; in-law family: Kent Woodruff of Ogden, Utah, Reed (Eileen) Woodruff of Wessington Springs, Byron (Penny) Woodruff of Wessington, Vicki Simpson of Rapid City, Mark Woodruff of Rapid City, and Kay (Doyle) Foreman of Miller; and all his nieces, nephews, and godchildren as well as his extended special family: Chad and Diana Homan and their children: Henry, Calvin, and Clay.

Meeting Jerry in Heaven will be his parents, Herb and Gladine Bowar; in-laws: Victor and Joyce Woodruff and Fritz and Doris Myers; infant nephew, Christopher Bowar; and infant niece, Kendree Foreman.