



FINAL HARVEST

He was bound to the land from the day of his birth
His roots anchored deep in the fertile earth
Nurtured, sustained, by the soil he grew
And his life, like his furrows, ran straight and true.

In faith, each spring, he planted the seeds
In hope, to reap his family's needs
With patience, he waited for the harvest to come
To gather the fruits of his labor home.

Ever turning seasons, the years sped past
Till the final harvest came at last
Then claimed anew by beloved sod
He was gathered home to be with God.

— Barbara W. Weber

CELEBRATING THE LIFE OF

Donald "Doug" Opdahl

AUGUST 30, 1934 – FEBRUARY 2, 2023

Services At:

Sacred Heart Catholic Church — Glenwood, Minnesota
Saturday— February 11, 2023 — 11:00 a.m.

Celebrant:

Father Joe Vandenberg

Pianist:

Barbara Schliesman

Song Leader:

Jacob Pfeiffer

Urbearers:

Greg Opdahl, Donald Opdahl

Honorary Pallbearers:

All of Doug's Grandchildren & Great-Grandchildren

Interment:

Fron Lutheran Cemetery
Rural Starbuck, Minnesota

Donald Douglas Opdahl was born August 30, 1934 to Palmer and Helen (Streit) Opdahl at the family farm in Barsness Township, Pope County, MN. Doug was baptized at Fron Lutheran Church in Starbuck and confirmed at Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Glenwood, MN. He attended Starbuck High School, graduating with the class of 1952. After graduation, he attended the University of Minnesota for one year and then returned home to begin farming. He met Pauline Peterson at Lakeside Ballroom where he always had a booth reserved for Saturday night. They were married June 9, 1956 at Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Glenwood. He continued farming the family farm that was established in 1890 until his health no longer allowed.

Doug was a member of Sacred Heart Catholic Church, Knights of Columbus, Starbuck School Board and Farmers Union Board. He enjoyed farming, fishing, hunting, traveling, playing cards and spending time with family and friends.

Doug died on Thursday, February 2, 2023 at Glenwood Retirement Village in Glenwood. He lived to 88 years.

Doug is survived by his wife of 66 years: Pauline Opdahl; five children: Greg (Diane) Opdahl of Rapid City, SD, Kathy Vetter of Cheyenne, WY, Donald (Shari) Opdahl of Starbuck, MN, JoAnn (Frank) Finkel of Lakeville, MN and Marie (Craig) Johnshoy of Brainerd, MN; 14 grandchildren: Kristy (Lonnie) Bartlett, Doug (Kristen) Opdahl, Kayla (Colton) Harrington, Gregory (Sheila) Opdahl, Justin (Tian) Vetter, Maren Vetter, Brittany (Fernando) Zamora, Bridget (Blake) Helmick, Drew Opdahl, Karl Finkel, Kaitlin Finkel, Elizabeth Finkel, Taylor (Phillip) Halvorson and Kirsten Johnshoy; two step-grandchildren: Jamie (Garrett) Whitecalfe and Gina Dennis; eight great-grandchildren: Waylon and Carter Bartlett, Shea and Braxton Opdahl, Hannah, Dayton, and Emory Harrington, and Savannah Vetter; four step-great-grandchildren: Amelia and Cameron Whitecalfe, and Aubri and Paul Gillego; and one sister, Colleen “Keenie” Bodeker of Glenwood. He was preceded in death by his parents.

THE *Celebrating* *Life* OF



DONALD “DOUG” OPDAHL

AUGUST 30, 1934 – FEBRUARY 2, 2023



106 West 4th Street
Starbuck, Minnesota
(320) 239-2343
www.StarbuckFH.com