

Close the Gate

By *Nancy Krayenhof*

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.



In Loving Memory



James "Jim"
Spanier

June 8, 1950 ~ July 28, 2023

Mass of Christian Burial

Saturday, August 5, 2023 ~ 10:00 a.m.
St. Alphonsus Catholic Church ~ Langdon, ND

James "Jim, Jimmy, Dunny" Edward Spanier was born in Langdon, ND, on June 8, 1950, to Arthur and Fern (Agar) Spanier. He grew up on the family farm southeast of Langdon and attended school in Langdon, graduating in 1969. After graduation, Jim took on the farm full-time with his father. Years later, his son, Jason, joined him.

Jim went on to have children and six grandchildren, who were his pride and joy. Jim enjoyed wintering in Arizona and spending time at his lake home or the family farm.

Surviving Jim are his children: Jericka (Ryan) Congdon of Grand Forks, Jared Spanier of Grand Forks, Jason (Kassandra) Spanier of Langdon, Jalissa (Aaron) Keller of Grand Forks; grandchildren: Maislynn, Reyna, Cole, Reid, Kiercyn, Macklin; sister Judy Hamann of Juneau, AK; brother Roger (Darci) Spanier of Groton, SD, and many cousins, nieces, nephews and friends. He was preceded in death by his parents, brother Richard, and sister Lynda Spanier-Fry.

Jim, third generation family farmer, passed away surrounded by his loved ones on Friday, July 28, 2023, at Langdon Prairie Health in Langdon at the age of 73.

CLERGY

Father Kurtis Gunwall

MUSIC

Bob Schaan

St. Alphonsus Church Choir

"To Everything There Is a Season" "How Great Thou Art"
"Amazing Grace" "On Eagle's Wings"

READERS

Judy Hamann Cole Spanier Jericka Congdon

GIFT BEARERS

Trine Gilbert Laurie Spanier

CASKET BEARERS

Craig Swenson Mark Busse Neal Gilbert Zach Mehl
Brad Bata Mitch Otto Dave Hennager Kenny Spanier

HONORARY CASKET BEARERS

Jim's Grandchildren

INTERMENT

Calvary Cemetery
Langdon, ND

Brooks Funeral Home ~ Langdon, ND