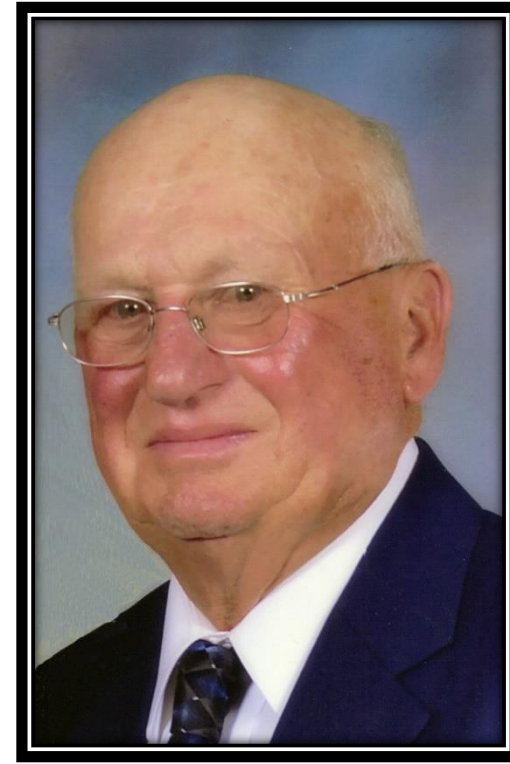


They Buried A Farmer Today

They buried a farmer today,
Gave him back to the dirt from which he came.
Earlier his family and neighbors walk by,
Looking at memories of a simple man's life.
A table of photos, toy tractors and cards,
Telling the story of life on the farm.
There are the overalls he wore every day,
Except on Sunday, when he bowed his head to pray.
All things that kept him close to his roots.
Not born in a barn, but not far away,
From the fields where a boy learned how to play.
There are photos of his children and grandchildren, too,
And he and his wife, there are more than a few.
The smiles betray the hard times that he faced,
The worries and fears, the profits erased.
By weather and markets, out of his hands;
In the end, all he really had was his land.
The soil, the crops, and even the weeds,
To his way of thinking, that's all he would need,
To take care of his family, and help them stay safe,
From a faster-paced world, not too far away.
A good life, a simple life, that's what he led,
He'd struggled like most, but came out ahead.
And eventually, retirement, if ever a farmer could,
Stop worrying or working, but he did it, for good.
He enjoyed his last years, and made sure that he thanked,
The good Lord above for his life, and his land.
His time ended quickly, his loved ones in tears,
Hoping he knew what he meant to them all through the years.
Today they gather, to remember and pray,
About a simple man they loved, who was there every day.
Through joy and sorrow, laughter and pain,
He was there when they needed him, right up to the end.
Out to the cemetery, they carry him home,
To a small plot of land, just under a stone.
For they know he's at peace, and praying for them,
As they stand on a slope, not far from his land.
The service now over, they leave him alone,
Knowing some day, he'll greet them once more.
A dust cloud forms as the trucks drive away.
They buried a farmer today.
-Jeff DeYoung

In Loving Memory



Larry Gene Hebbert

October 15, 1939

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August 21, 2020

In Loving Memory
Larry Gene Hebbert
1939 ~ 2020

Memorial Service
10:30 a.m.
Saturday, September 12, 2020
Scotland Community Church
Scotland, South Dakota
Rev. Brian Beck

Music
Tim Dingman - Soloist
Sharon Orth - Pianist
How Great Thou Art
- Congregational Music -
"In The Garden"
"Precious Lord, Take My Hand"

Urnbearers
Bob Green David Mogck
Ron Schatz Craig Neumeister

Honorary Urnbearers
Jim Foley John Hess
Frank Burke Bruce Kepplinger
Clyde Kepplinger Melvin Kepplinger

Interment
Rosehill Cemetery
Scotland, South Dakota

Larry Gene Hebbert was born to Ross and Lucile (Dingman) Hebbert of rural Scotland. He was the youngest of five children and grew up on the family farm. He attended school in Scotland and graduated in 1958. Following graduation, he began farming and raising cattle on the family farm. Larry served two years in the United States Army and was honorably discharged on November 12, 1964. On August 19, 1960 he was united in marriage to Judith Carter. To this marriage Larry and Judy were blessed with two children, Mindra and Jeffrey.

Larry was a farmer and cattle producer his entire life. He was proud of his black angus cow herd, but was especially proud of his family. He cherished time spent with family and attending his children's and grandchildren's events. Besides farming and his cattle operation, Larry enjoyed hunting and fishing. He was an active board member in the renovation of the Lake Henry project, and a lifetime member of the Scotland VFW Post. He looked forward to helping the Scotland Rodeo Club during the annual Rodeo Days celebration. Larry was a lifetime member of the First Presbyterian Church and served as an elder and trustee throughout the years, until its closing in 2013. He and Judy then joined the Scotland Community Church.

Larry Hebbert, age 80, of Scotland, South Dakota, passed away Friday, August 21, 2020 at the Avera Sacred Heart Hospital at Yankton, just two days after he and Judy's 60th wedding anniversary.

Survivors include his wife, Judy, of Scotland, SD; daughter Mindra Hebbert of Yankton, SD; son Jeffrey (Angela) Hebbert of Huron, SD; grandchildren: Amanda (Brandon) Wipf of Huron, SD, and Zachary (Taylor) Hebbert of Pierre, SD; sisters-in-law Betty Hebbert of Leesburg, Florida, and Ann Hebbert of Mesquite, NV; Brother-in-law Clyde Kepplinger of Scotland, SD; several nieces, nephews and other relatives and friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents; infant sister, Joyce Darlene and sister Marilyn Kepplinger; brothers Marvin and Bob; brother-in-law and sister-in-law Jack and Betty Crouch.

Memorials will be given to the Scotland Community Church, Scotland Rodeo Club and the Scotland VFW Post #2966.

