



Close the Gate
For this one farmer the worries are over,
lie down and rest your head.
Your time has been and the 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.

In Loving Memory



Jimmy Ray Pietz

December 20, 1944 ~ June 28, 2024

In Loving Memory of
Jimmy Ray Pietz
1944 - 2024

Prayer Service
7:00 p.m.
Monday, July 1, 2024
Friedens Reformed Church
Tripp, South Dakota

Funeral Service
10:30 a.m.
Tuesday, July 2, 2024
Friedens Reformed Church
Tripp, South Dakota

Clergy
Rev. Andrew Underhile

Music
Karen Huether - organist

Congregational Hymns
How Great Thou Art
What a Friend We Have in Jesus
In the Garden

Pallbearers
Coleman Koons, Carter Koons, Colby Soukup,
John Koons, Merald Gall & Gary Soukup

Interment
Grace Hill Cemetery
Tripp, South Dakota

Jimmy Ray Pietz was born December 20, 1944 as the eldest son of Edwin and Violet (Fuerst) Pietz. Later, he was joined by brothers, Dennis, Larry, Kenny and Roger. He was raised on the family farm just north of Tripp. He often talked about doing farm work with a team of horses in the early years. He graduated from Tripp High School where he loved participating in both football and basketball. He met his wife to be, Marilyn Stillman, during high school. They were married March 28, 1964. They were blessed with three girls, Konnie, Kristie and Karla.

Jimmy and Marilyn began their married life northeast of Tripp. They spent 41 years farming together where they milked cows, raised pigs, and tended to their crops. Jimmy loved his life on the farm.

Jimmy and Marilyn moved to town in 2007 where they enjoyed their retirement years together. During this time, Jimmy loved to ride his tractor and he would often be seen checking out the grass hay at the farm. He found great pride watching his youngest grandson cut and bale his grass hay. He also enjoyed watching the garden grow and assisting Marilyn with the canning. He enjoyed the fruits of their labor all winter long. Another of Jimmy's greatest joys was playing cards and visiting with friends. He also loved to watch sports on TV.

Jimmy Ray Pietz, age 79 was called to his heavenly home on Friday, June 28, 2024.

Jimmy is survived by his three daughters, Konnie (Gary) Soukup, Scotland, SD, Kristie (Merald) Gall, Tripp, SD and Karla (John) Koons, Mitchell, SD; three grandson, Coleman (Nikki) Koons, Carter Koons and Colby Soukup; three step-grandchildren, Stacy (Terry) Klumker, JJ Gall and Jamie (David) Ash; nine step-great-grandchildren Angelique, Xzavier, Mekiah, Jaida, Brooklyn, Emma, Devon, Elyce and Ellysa; and one step-great-great-grandson, Kholston; his siblings, Dennis (Shirley) Pietz, Larry (Sharon) Pietz, Kenny (Charlene) Pietz and Roger (Lori) Pietz; sisters-in-law and brothers-in-law, Darlis (Clint) Kaser, Janice (Verne) Twitero, Merlin (Sharon) Stillman and Doreen (Pat) Adams; as well many nieces, nephews, cousins and dear friends.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Marilyn; his parents, Edwin and Violet Pietz; his father and mother-in-law, Elmer and Beata Stillman.