

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.

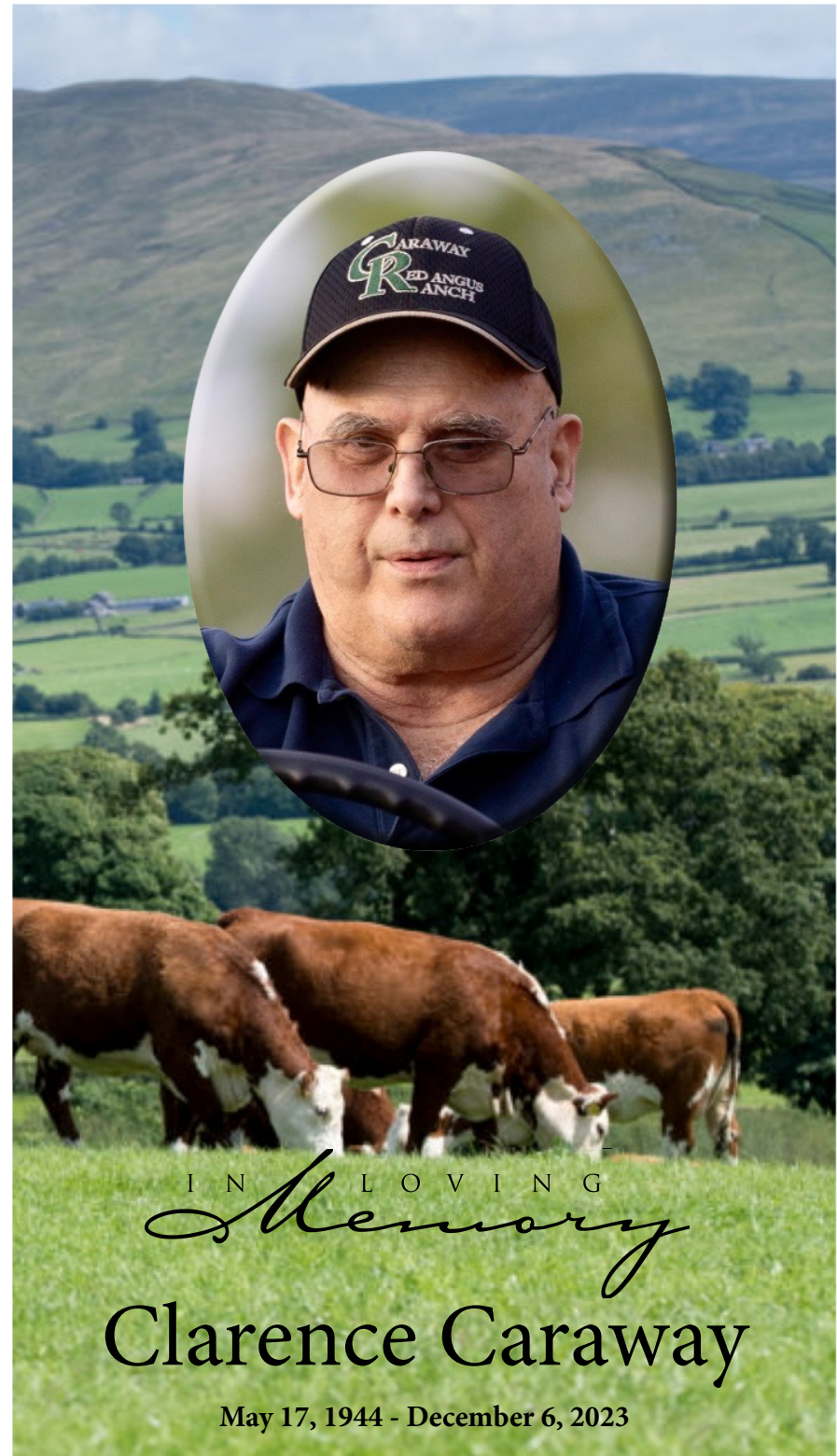
The fences have all been mended.

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.



IN LOVING
Memory
Clarence Caraway

May 17, 1944 - December 6, 2023

Celebrating
THE LIFE OF
Clarence Caraway

Mass of Christian Burial

Thursday, November 11, 2023 - 11:00 AM

St. Genevieve Catholic Church

Lake Benton, Minnesota

Celebrating

Father Ron Huberty

Altar Servers

Jacob Sterzinger Lucas Sterzinger

Lector

Carter Carruthers

Eucharistic Ministers

Mary Kay Caraway Tim Weber

Scripture Readings

Ecclesiastes 3:1-8 Romans 8:14-23 John 12:23-28

Congregational Hymns

"Here I am Lord" "Be No Afraid" "On Eagle's Wings"
"Song of Farewell" "Amazing Grace"

Music

Organist - Jodi Weber **Cantor** - Chuck Debates

Special Music

Soloist - Craig Winquist

"Go Rest High On That Mountain"

Gift Bearers

Renee Caraway Taylor Caraway
Gabrielle Caraway Meredith Caraway

Ushers

John Nibbie Pam Nibbie Luke Nibbie

Casket Bearers

Carter Carruthers Tyler Lacek Cody Caraway
Carson Carruthers Solomon Caraway Colby Carruthers
Connor Carruthers Brady Caraway Parker Caraway

Final Resting Place

St. Genevieve Catholic Cemetery - Lake Benton, Minnesota

Arrangements By

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Clarence Edward Caraway, was born May 17, 1944 in Cedar Rapids, Iowa to George John Caraway and Harriett Winifred (Platner) Caraway. He attended grade school at Marion Rural Independent, one year of high school at Alburnett Iowa and graduated from Linn Mar High School in Marion Iowa in 1962. He was active in 4-H and FFA and developed his love for fitting and showing cattle. He worked at Colonial Bakery in Cedar Rapids, Iowa while helping his dad on the farm. He moved to Redfield, South Dakota and worked for Walter Schultz and continued his love of Hereford Cattle. In 1966, he came to Minnesota and was hired at Delaney Herefords as a herdsman where he showed cattle all over the upper Midwest. On June 8, 1968, he married Mary Elizabeth Delaney. Through this union they were blessed with six children. As a family they continued raising and showing Hereford cattle. Clarence developed a reputation for breeding elite quality Hereford cattle that were competitive at the national level. He was a mentor for many future generations of elite producers and was respected by his peers. He has served on many boards; Minnesota Beef Council, Minnesota Grazing Association, Twin Lincoln Electric, Minnesota Hereford Association, Minnesota Red Angus Association, and Lincoln County Co-op Oil, church cemetery board, and church council. In 2013, Clarence was inducted into the Minnesota Hereford Breeders Hall of Fame. In 1999, Clarence was looking for a new challenge in the cattle business. He purchased his first Red Angus cattle and quickly became respected by his peers as an additional breed. In addition to cattle, Clarence enjoyed playing cards with family and friends. He took great pride in attending his children and grandchildren's events. He enjoyed using his creativity to fabricate anything to make life easier and more efficient. He was very proud that he passed these talents and passions onto his children and grandchildren. Clarence was admitted to the Owera Tyler Hospital and passed away on Wednesday, December 6, 2023 surrounded by his loving family.

He is survived by his wife Mary of fifty five years, his six children; Barb (friend Carey) of Baltic, South Dakota, James of San Antonio, Texas, Lori (Fiancé Cory) of Brookings, South Dakota, Mary Kay of Ivanhoe, Minnesota, Corey (Alethea) of Volga, South Dakota, Jon (Blair) of Lexington, Nebraska. Thirteen grandchildren; Carter Carruthers, Tyler Lacek, Renee Caraway, Cody Caraway, Carson Carruthers, Taylor Lacek, Solomon Caraway, Colby Carruthers, Connor Carruthers, Brady Caraway, Gabrielle Caraway, Parker Caraway, and Meredith Caraway. Brothers; George (Karen) Caraway and Ken Caraway. Sister; Mary Sue (Ned) Detert; and many other family and friends.

He is preceded in death by his parents George and Harriett Caraway.