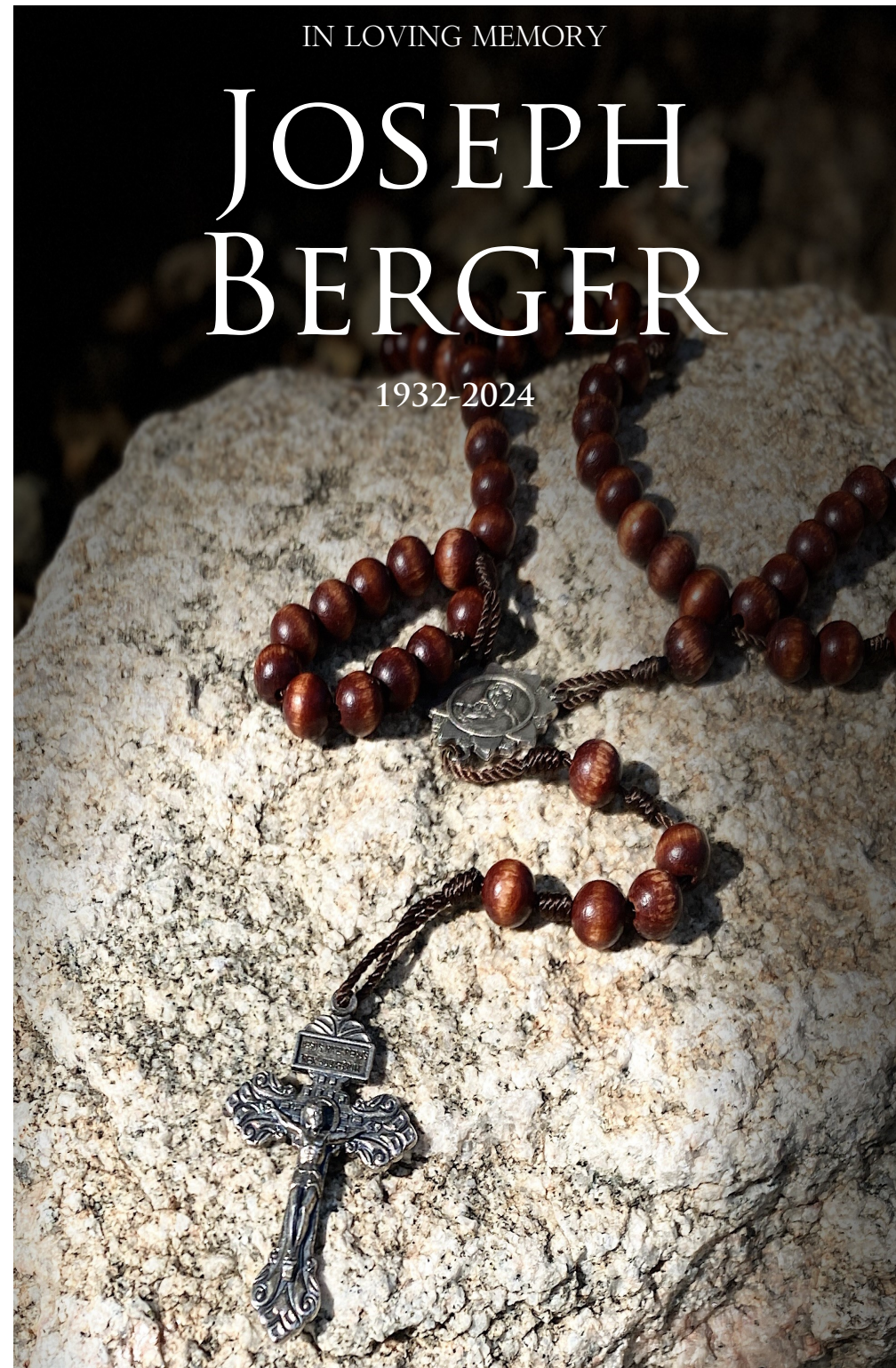


There is a time for everything, and a season for every activity under the heavens: a time to be born and a time to die, a time to plant and a time to uproot, a time to kill and a time to heal, a time to tear down and a time to build, a time to weep and a time to laugh, a time to mourn and a time to dance, a time to scatter stones and a time to gather them, a time to embrace and a time to refrain from embracing, a time to search and a time to give up, a time to keep and a time to throw away, a time to tear and a time to mend, a time to be silent and a time to speak, a time to love and a time to hate, a time for war and a time for peace. *Ecclesiastes 3:1-8*







**Joseph W. Berger**, age 92, passed away on August 7, 2024, at his home in Mandan, with his loving wife by his side.

Joseph was born February 10, 1932, in Flasher, the fifth of 13 children to Carl and Lucy (Heck) Berger. He was raised and educated in Flasher. He then worked alongside his Dad on the family farm, southeast of Flasher. On June 10, 1963, Joseph married Linda Morrell in St. Anthony. He took over the family operation in 1966, and continued to farm and ranch as well as operate the dairy. Joseph and Linda raised their nine children on the farm, retiring in 1997. In 2000 they moved to Mandan.

Joe's faith was at the center of his life. He was baptized and confirmed in Flasher and was an active member of St. Lawrence Catholic Church and most recently Christ the King Catholic Church. Joe served as a communion minister for many years in Flasher and was a member of the Knights of Columbus.

Following his retirement from farming, Joseph still enjoyed going back to the farm to help his son, Don, stack round bales. Joseph also enjoyed snowmobiling and playing cards with family and friends, always up for a game of Whist or Rummy.

Joseph will be missed by his wife of 61 years, Linda; nine children, Victoria (Dominic) Volk, Bernadine (Billy) Henderson, Cynthia (Dan) Winans, Dennis (Tammy) Berger, Carl (Sara) Berger, Don Berger, Mike (Heather) Berger, Tim Berger, and Joe (Heather) Berger; 26 grandchildren, Cassidy, Roxy, DJ, Dorian, Billy, Kristen, Alexis, Amaria, Jaxon, Joseph, Amanda, Erin, Alex, Isaac, Grace, Carly, Jacob, Cole, Kaitlin, Brooke, Dylan, Nolan, Ashlyn, Logan, Kellen, and Allison; 10 great-grandchildren, Aubree, Jade, Finn, Ainsley, Adeline, Willa, Ellie, Josie, Brigid, and Cora; 9 sisters, Barbara Chicione, Pauline Smith, Marion Smith, Maggie Hellman, Helen Berger, Caroline Parys, Annamarie Reiter, Angie (Jim) Avard, and JoAnn Brown.

Joseph was preceded in death by his parents; brother, Carl Berger Jr.; sisters, Eva Gernand and infant sister, Lucy; and eight brothers-in-law.

*Following the burial, the family invites you for food and fellowship at the Mandan Moose Lodge, 111 11th Ave NE.*

**Knights of Columbus Rosary & Parish Vigil** Sunday | August 11, 2024 | 7:00 PM  
Weigel Funeral Home | Mandan, ND

**Presider** Fr. Fred Harvey

**Funeral Liturgy** Monday | August 12, 2024 | 11:00 AM  
Christ the King Catholic Church | Mandan, ND

**Celebrant** Fr. Nick Schnieder

**Concelebrant** Fr. Fred Harvey

**Musicians** Don Willy & Maureen Aikin

Opening Song "Here I Am, Lord"

**Liturgy of the Word**

Old Testament Reading Isaiah 43:1-5  
Lector Erin Berger  
Responsorial Psalm Psalm 23  
*"The Lord is my shepherd, there is nothing I shall want."*  
New Testament Reading Romans 5:1-7  
Lector Grace Berger  
Gospel Reading John 12:23-28  
Homily

**Liturgy of the Eucharist**

Preparation of Gifts Song "Be Not Afraid"  
Presentation of Gifts Ainsley | Aubree | Finn | Jade  
Eucharistic Prayer  
Communion Songs "I Am The Bread Of Life"  
"On Eagle's Wings"  
"Panis Angelicus"  
Communion Meditation "Song Of Farewell"  
Final Commendation  
Closing Song "How Great Thou Art"

**Pall Bearers**

DJ Volk | Cassidy Volk | Dorian Henderson | Billy Henderson | Joseph Berger  
Isaac Berger | Alex Berger | Dylan Berger | Cole Berger | Jacob Berger

**Honorary Bearers**

| All of Joseph's other Grandchildren |

**Graveside Service**

Mandan Union Cemetery  
Mandan, ND