



In May 2013, William suffered a brain aneurysm and a stroke resulting in a move to Evergreen Senior Living Center where he enjoyed all of the social aspects and events. He eagerly anticipated trips to the farm to monitor completion of improvements still on his list and check the crops and his beloved trees.

William is survived by daughter Karen (Jeff) Jirges of Dickinson, ND and granddaughters Avery (William) Kinzel and great granddaughter Reese of New Hradec, ND, and Andrea (fiancé Brady Kalla) of Fargo, ND; daughter Jan (Jordan) Privratsky of Walford, IA and grandchildren Alex of Cedar Rapids, IA and Megan (Thomas) Knuckey of Muscatine, IA; son Bruce (Pam Cieszynski) of Bismarck, ND and granddaughters Courtney of Golden Valley, MN and Kaitlyn of Fargo, ND; daughter Laura of Fargo, ND; son Leon (Leah Roth) of Fargo, ND and grandchildren Logan, Lucas and Laina; son Neil (Tracy TePoel) of Minneapolis, MN and grandchildren Peyton and Myles; son Ryan of Fargo, ND and grandson Talen; and two great grandchildren due in 2023; sister Dorothy Emmil, Dickinson, ND; sister Irene Kovash, Billings, MT; sister Leona (Alton) Jacobs, Dickinson, ND.

William is preceded in death by his parents Jerome 1946 and Anna Emmil 1961; infant son 1969; brother-in-law Victor Kovash 2005; son Gerald Emmil 2014; former spouse Luella Emmil 2017; brother Herbert 2018 (Sarah) Emmil 2022.

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



William Emmil

May 21, 1936 — March 7, 2023

CELEBRATING THE LIFE OF WILLIAM EMMIL

Funeral Mass

St. Mary's Catholic Church
New England, ND
11:00 a.m. March 18, 2023

Presider

Father Dennis Schafer & Father Gary Benz

Readers

William's Granddaughters
Avery Kinzel & Courtney Emmil

Gift Bearers

William's Daughters
Karen Jirges, Jan Privratsky & Laura Emmil

Pallbearers

William's Sons
Bruce, Leon, Neil & Ryan Emmil

Honorary Pallbearers

William's Grandsons
Alex Privratsky, Talen, Logan, Lucas &
Myles Emmil

Music Honorariums

Lynn Dvorak & Mike Madler

Interment

St. Pius Cemetery, Scheffield, ND

William (Willie/Bill) Emmil, 86, Dickinson, ND, died peacefully on March 7, 2023 at St. Luke's Home in Dickinson, ND.

William was born May 21, 1936 in Scheffield, ND, the son of Jerome (Rollo) and Anna (Huschka) Emmil. He received his education at St. Pius School, Scheffield, ND. Following his father's death when he was 9 years old, William took on the responsibility of helping with the family farm. In 1960, William married Luella (Urlacher) in New England, ND and during this union of twenty-six years, they were blessed with eight children. They farmed and ranched near Scheffield, ND.

William loved being a farmer/rancher and took great pride in his crops, hay and cattle. He enjoyed making improvements to the farm which included breaking up pastureland, picking rocks, maintaining fences, planting and caring for thousands of trees. He was a proud recipient of the 2015 Western Soil Conservation District Tree Award. There was no place he cherished more than his farm and working alongside his neighbors. He worked in the ND oilfields for ten years around the farming season. He advocated for the Southwest Water Authority pipeline and collected commitments for rural service. William was most proud of the accomplishments of his children, grandchildren and in-laws. He thoroughly enjoyed working on projects with them on the farm and ensured everything was done right.

