

John Jakubowsky was born on September 10, 1926 in Belfield, North Dakota to William “Wasył” and Catherine (O’Bach) Jakubowsky. He was the first born to Wasył and Catherine on their farm. John never learned to speak English until he was in the 1st grade, which resulted in him having to take 1st grade over again. He used to say, “Can you believe anyone would flunk 1st grade!” He went on to graduate high school in Belfield at the age of 19. In August of 1944, John became sick with rheumatic fever, which took him a year to recuperate from. During the years of 1948 and 1949, he drove the school bus using a 1948 Chevrolet truck. John would tell us kids this story often and was always beaming with pride as he did. In 1950 he took a Farm Mechanics course at the State Industrial College in Ellendale, North Dakota. This is where he learned welding, auto mechanics, and carpentry. This helped John as he designed and built his ranch-style home in 1970. On September 17, 1984 he married Erma (Morman) Renner, from which he gained four children, thirteen grandchildren, and numerous great-grandchildren and great-great-grandchildren (without ever having to change a diaper!). John was so excited and happy when his grandchildren were around; they were his pride and joy. John and Erma stayed on the farm until 2002, at which time they both felt it was

time to sell the farm and move to Bismarck, and later to Mandan. Because of declining health issues, John moved to the Marian Manor nursing home in Glen Ullin. During John’s long life he was involved in many activities; he was on the Farmer’s Union Board, served on local and county boards, he was the county president, but he was most proud of his 4th Degree Knight for the Knights of Columbus and was Grand Knight of his council for two years. John left behind his wife, Erma; son, Allan (Nancy) Renner of Chamberlain, SD; daughters, Jean (Benny) Audiss of Winner, SD and Marsha (Glen) Burbidge of Circle, MT; his brother, Nick (Mary Ellen) of Eagan, MN; his sisters, Agatha Lipovac of Crivitz, WI, Emily Schweitzer of Bismarck, ND, Mary (Phil) Colozzi of Sundance, WY, and Toni (Norman) Heinert of Bismarck, ND; and numerous grandchildren, great-grandchildren, great-great-grandchildren, nieces, and nephews. He is preceded in death by his parents, Wasył and Catherine; daughter, Jane (Renner) Faller; infant siblings, Anton and Janice; sisters, Betty Andriash, Eva Brueni, and Margie Fleckenstein; brothers, Bill Jakubowsky and Frank Jakubowsky; and brother-in-laws, John Schweitzer, Anton Fleckenstein, Bill Andriash, John Brueni, and Ray Lipovac.

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September 10, 1926 - May 1, 2023





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FUNERAL MASS:

Friday, May 5, 2023 11:00 am CT
Sacred Heart Catholic Church
Glen Ullin, North Dakota

ROSARY:

Friday, May 5, 2023 10:30 am CT
Sacred Heart Catholic Church
Glen Ullin, North Dakota
Deacon Lance Gartner

CELEBRATING:

Father Gary Benz

MUSIC:

Nancy Morman Sandy Gerving
Glory & Praise Singers

READERS:

Sylvia Larson Tim Morman

PALLBEARERS:

Paul Audiss Johnny Faller
Tavis Renner Devon Burbidge
Benny Audiss Glen Burbidge

INTERMENT:

Friday, May 5, 2023 1:30 pm
St. Bernard's Cemetery
Belfield, North Dakota
Father Shane Campbell

ARRANGEMENTS BY:

Stevenson Funeral Home
Glen Ullin, North Dakota

*Lunch will be served at the church
immediately following the Funeral Mass.
Everyone is welcome.*

Death is God carrying us in one arm while the other flings aside heaven's door to welcome us back to the blazing hearth of our first home, while those inside, having arrived before us, rush to the door like glad children, shouting, "They're here! They're here!"

Death has a bad name on earth, but in heaven it's a homecoming party every time the door opens. God does not forget those earthbound children, sad and left behind. God leaves the party early to enter into their despair and to get them ready for their own homecomings someday.