



*Waken
November 21, 1944 to April 17, 2019
hard
Mama
To
Loving
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And on the 8th day God looked down on his planned paradise and said, "I need a caretaker!".
So, God made a farmer!

God said I need somebody to get up before dawn and milk cows and work all day in the fields, milk cows
again, eat supper and then go to town and stay past midnight at a meeting of the school board.
So, God made a farmer!

God had to have somebody willing to ride the ruts at double speed to get the hay in ahead of the rain
clouds and yet stop on mid-field and race to help when he sees the first smoke from a neighbor's place.
So, God made a farmer!

It had to be somebody who'd plow deep and straight...and not cut corners. Somebody to seed and weed,
feed and breed...and rake and disc and plow and plant and tie the fleece and strain the milk. Somebody to
replenish the self feeder and then finish a hard days work with a five mile
drive to church. Somebody who'd bale a family together with the soft
strong bonds of sharing, who'd laugh and then sigh...and then
respond with smiling eyes, when his son says he wants to spend
his life "doing what dad does". So, God made a farmer!

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Terry (Terrance) Dietrich Wilkens, 74, died April 11, 2019.

Terry was born on November 21, 1944, in Bismarck, the son of Erich and Evelyn (Taylor) Wilkens. Terry attended a rural one room schoolhouse for elementary school. As a young boy, Terry worked on the farm and was involved in 4-H. He attended high school in New Salem, graduating in 1962, and then attended Bismarck Junior College.

On May 2, 1964, Terry married Diane Bobb. They made their home on the family dairy farm. Terry milked registered Holsteins, farmed grains, and raised Simmental cattle for a while. Terry worked the farm and dairy alongside his father until 1971 when he took over the dairy operation. Terry and Diane milked cows until 2001, at which time they sold the dairy herd. Terry continued to farm and raise beef cattle. In 2001, his son, Travis and his family moved to the farm. Terry continued to farm with his son until his death.

Terry received many honors and recognitions over the years, including the West Morton County Soil District Award in 1968 and the Outstanding Young Farmer Award from the New Salem Jaycees in 1976. Proudly he served on the DHIA Board, ND Milk Producers' Board, New Salem Lions Club, New Salem School Board, and New Salem Elevator Board. Also, he was a member of the ND Holstein Association in which he held various offices, the New Salem Saddle Club and he was a 4-H Leader. He also enjoyed hunting, playing cards with friends, attending tractor treks and going to gun shows.

Terry's proudest accomplishments were his farm and his children. Terry and Diane had four children, Nita, Travis, Lindsey, and Lacey. He loved his grandchildren dearly and always had a lollipop in his pocket for them.

Terry spent his last day on the farm, feeding cattle, watching a cow give birth from his tractor seat, and working in his shop. The farm was his happy place!

Terry is survived by his wife, Diane; his children, Nita (Steve) Debertin, Travis (Marcia) Wilkens, Lindsey (Brent) Fleck, and Lacey (Joe) Dardis; his grandchildren, Elliot Wilkens, Aria Fleck, Everly Dardis, Rilan Fleck, and Jase Dardis; his sisters, Linda (Dwight) Wrangham and Dawn (Daryl) Heid; his brothers, Wesley (Lori) Wilkens and Evan (Nony) Wilkens; in-laws, Katherine (Frank) Himmelspach, Betty Staigle, Marge (Jim) Mosbrucker, Clem (Gloria) Bobb and John (Lucy) Bobb; and many nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents; in-laws, John and Rose Bobb; sister-in-law, Kathleen Mosbrucker; brothers-in-law, Ray Mosbrucker, Bill Staigle, and Dennis Hoherz; nephews, Tyler Hoherz, Billy Staigle, and Andy Bobb; and niece Shelly Mosbrucker.

The family would like to thank the New Salem Volunteer Fire and Rescue for their services provided for the Wilkens Family in recent months.

Following the burial the family invites you for lunch and fellowship at the church basement.

In Loving Memory Of

Terry Wilkens

November 21, 1944—April 11, 2019

Funeral Service

Wednesday, April 17, 2019; 11:00 AM

Peace Church

New Salem, ND

Officiant: Rev. Joshua F. Eddy

Organist: Michelle Kaelberer

Special Music: Delores Brunen ~ Leon Morgenstern ~ Bonnie Toepke

Order of Service

Prelude

Announcements

Call to Worship

Music

“In the Garden”

Invocation

Family Favorite Scriptures

Ecclesiastes 3:1-11, Elliot Wilkens

John 12:23-26, Dane Heid

2 Timothy 4:6-8, Steve Debertin

Personal Reflections & Sharing

Prayer

Music

“How Great Thou Art”

Sermon Scriptures

Revelation 20: 11-15

Sermon

“Three Kinds of Death”

Hymn

#107 “Amazing Grace! How Sweet the Sound”

Prayers of Thanksgiving & Intercession

The Lord's Prayer

Music

“I Want to Stroll Over Heaven With You” by Alan Jackson

Commendation

Benediction

Postlude

Casket Bearers

Kevin Wilkens ~ Tracy Hoherz ~ Leon Morgenstern

Paul Klusman ~ Blaine Wilkens ~ Bill Wyffels

Interment

Peace Cemetery

New Salem, ND