

Donald “Don” Leinen was born on June 20, 1932 to Walter and Fern (Pasch) Leinen. He was one of ten children and grew up on the family farm in rural Doran, MN. As an adult he worked for his father at an Implement Shop in Doran. Donald was united in marriage to Margaret Bach on April 8, 1953. He worked numerous jobs before settling into a career in dairy farming. In 1965, Donald entered into a partnership with Manville Stoltenow to operate a dairy farm in Great Bend, ND. They enjoyed showing and attending cattle shows in Sioux Falls, SD and Madison, WI. Donald and Margaret later bought the dairy farm, and farmed and operated the dairy business until retirement.

Donald was one of the founding members of the Great Bend Fire Department and served as Fire Chief for over 30 years. He enjoyed fishing, camping, woodworking, and restoring antique tractors. He enjoyed playing cards and traveling and spending time with his family.

Donald is survived by his children, Douglas (Julie) Leinen, Fairmount, ND, Richard (Penny) Leinen, Wahpeton, ND, Jeffrey (Maxine) Leinen, Great Bend, ND, Sandra (Bruce) Fenske, rural Great Bend, ND, Patrick (Teddi) Leinen, rural Breckenridge, MN, Shelly (Duane Bergemann) Manock, Gwinner, ND, Sharon (Gary) Watkins, Ortonville, MN, Donald Jr. (Kathy) Leinen, rural Great Bend, ND; 19 grandchildren; 39 great-grandchildren; sister, Lois Thykeson; brother, Randy (Linda) Leinen; sisters-in-law, Eunice Leinen, and JoAnn Leinen; many nieces, nephews, and other family members.

Donald was preceded in death by his wife, Margaret; parents, Walter and Fern Leinen; grandson, Mike Fenske; siblings, Lyle Leinen, Vance Leinen, Marilyn (Leo) Neubauer, Dennis (Janice) Leinen, Beverly (Jim) Capshaw, David Leinen, Rodney Leinen; brother-in-law, Al Thykeson.

The family would like to extend their gratitude to the staff of St. Gerard’s Community of Care for their exceptional care.

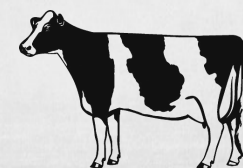
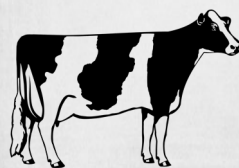
In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be made to St. Gerard’s Community of Care or the Great Bend Fire Department.

In Loving

M E M O R Y



Donald “Don” Leinen
1932 - 2023



FINAL HARVEST

He was bound to the land from the day of his birth His roots anchored deep in the fertile earth

Nurtured, sustained, by the soil he grew and his life, like his furrows, ran straight and true.

In faith, each spring, he planted the seeds In hope, to reap his family's needs with patience, he waited for the harvest to come to gather the fruits of his labor home.

Ever turning seasons, the years sped past Til the final harvest came at last then claimed anew by beloved sod He was gathered home to be with God.

- Barbara W. Weber



In Loving Memory

Donald "Don" Leinen



Born

June 20, 1932 | Breckenridge, Minnesota

Passed Away

April 24, 2023 | Hankinson, North Dakota

Age

90 Years 10 Months 4 Days

Mass of Christian Burial

11:00 AM | Friday, April 28, 2023
St. Philip's Catholic Church | Hankinson, North Dakota

Officiant

Msgr. Brian Donahue

Organist

Mary Ellen Krump

Soloist

Scott German

Special Music

St. Philip's Choir

Hymns

"On Eagles Wings" | "Amazing Grace"
"Old Rugged Cross" | "How Great Thou Art"

Honorary Pallbearers

All of Don's Grandchildren

Pallbearers

James Leinen | Thomas Leinen | Eric Leinen
Ryan Fenske | Lance Leinen | Sean Watkins

Interment

Calvary Cemetery | Hankinson, North Dakota