

Remembering the Life....

Michael Chester Van Santen was born on November 12, 1945, in Fergus Falls, Minnesota. He was baptized and confirmed in the Lutheran faith at Leaf Mountain Church. Mike attended Country School through the eighth grade and graduated from Battle Lake High School in 1963. He enlisted in the U.S. Army Reserves, received his basic training at Ft. Lewis in Washington, serving six years.



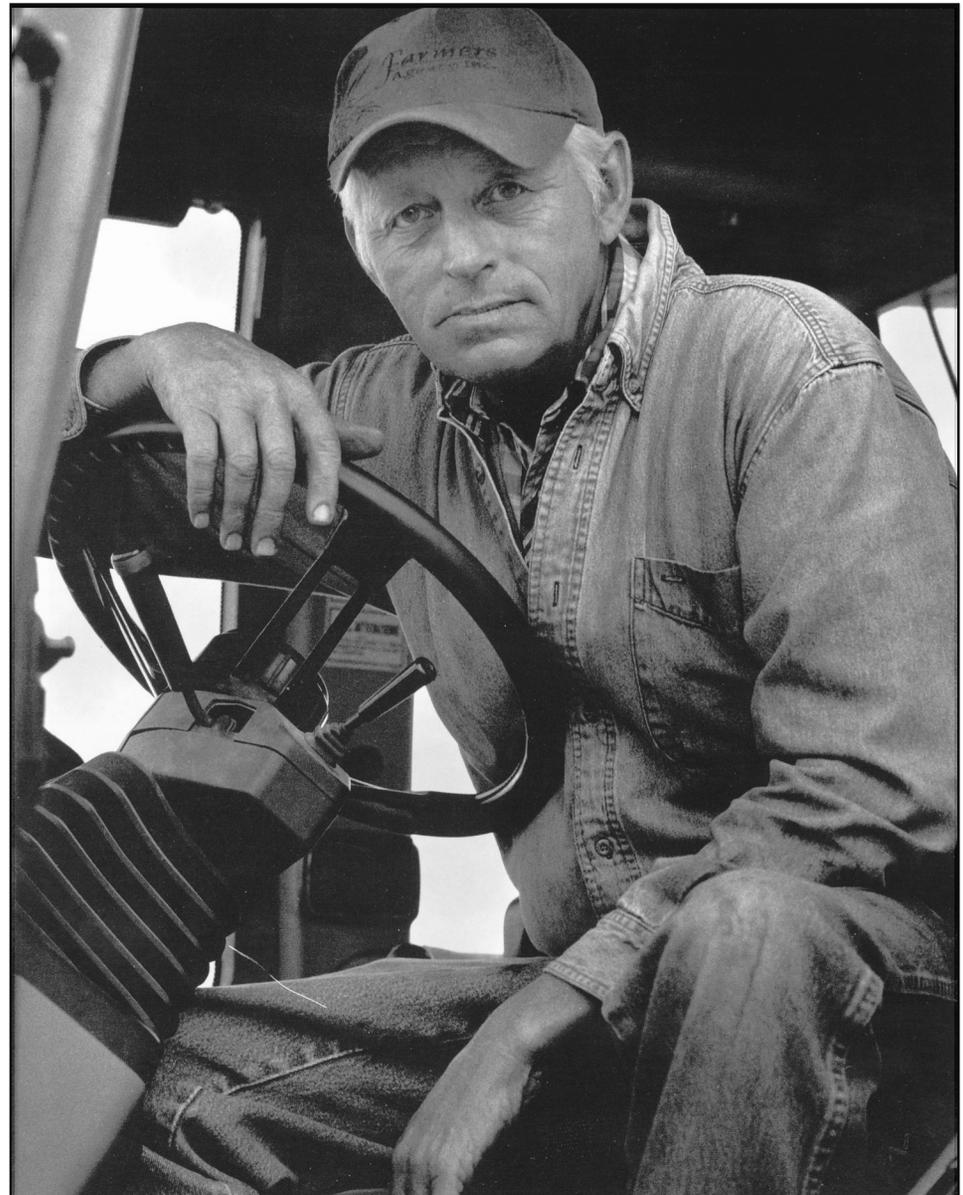
Mike and Patricia (Patty) Ann Jacobson were married August 9, 1969, in the Erdahl Lutheran Church. They were blessed with two sons, Chad and Cory. After marriage they lived on a farm for 54 years in Eagle Lake Township. Mike had a love for farming, caring for his crops, in earlier years milked cows and raised beef cattle. His son, Cory also found the love of farming and have been farming together since the early 90's. Mike especially enjoyed harvest time!

Spending time with family was important to Mike, especially his grandchildren. He was so proud of them. He loved grilling and cooking ribs while watching Bison Football. Mike always enjoyed deer camp with family and friends. Mike was a member of the Grue Lutheran Church, served on church council and served many years as cemetery sexton. He was a board member of the Urbank Creamery, served one term as Eagle Lake Township Treasure, member of the Urbank Lions, 4-H Leader and involved many years with the Battle Lake Wrestling Booster Club.

Mike passed away August 7, 2023. Mike loved his family, and will be greatly missed. But even though he's gone, he will always be alive in our hearts. Love Ya!

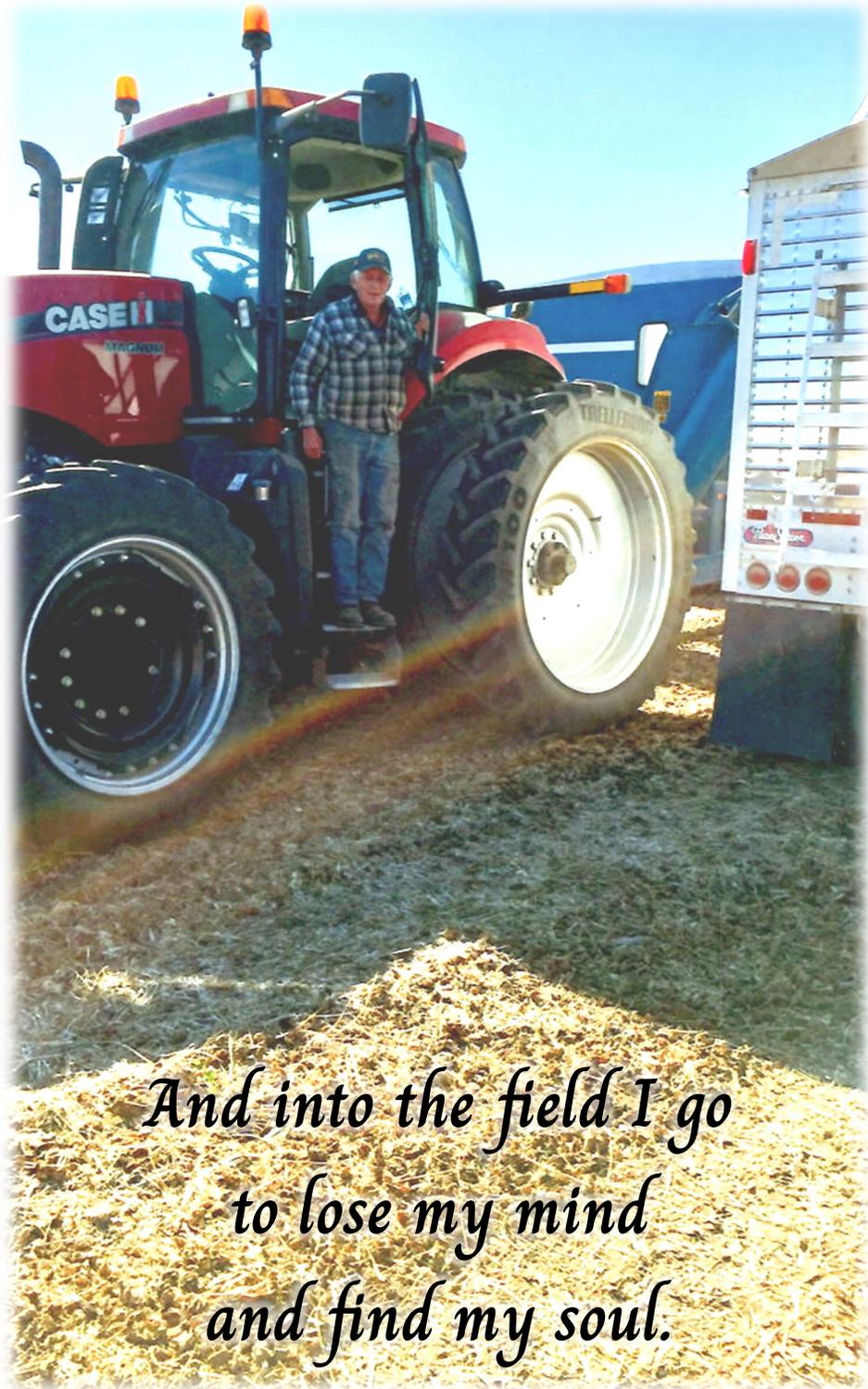
He is survived by his wife, Patty; two sons, Chad (Kathy) and Cory (Julie) Van Santen; four grandchildren, Madison (Dalon), Michael (Heather), Kaylee and Jessi; one great-grandson, Wesley Michael Van Santen; two sisters, Renee (Daryl) Jorud and Sue Nelson; two brothers, Duane (LeAnne) and Mark (Geri) Van Santen; brother-in-law, Dennis (Bev) Jacobson; two sisters-in-law, Dianne Stevens and Cathy (Steve) Olson; and by numerous nieces, nephews, relatives and friends. Mike was preceded in death by his parents, Peter and Ruby Van Santen; brother and sister-in-law, Kenneth (Shannon) Van Santen; brother-in-law, Terry Nelson; sister-in-law, Diane Van Santen; nephew, Peter Van Santen; father and mother-in-law, Ruben and Marion Jacobson; and brother-in-law, Jack Stevens.

Blessed be the Memory of Mike



Farmer in his tractor

If you want to be successful,
it's just this simple.
Know what you are doing.
Love what you are doing.
And believe in what you are doing.
-Will Rogers



*And into the field I go
to lose my mind
and find my soul.*

In Loving Memory Of
Michael Van Santen

November 12, 1945 ~ August 7, 2023

Funeral Service

Wednesday, August 16, 2023 at 11:00 AM
Grue Lutheran Church, Rural Ashby, Minnesota

Officiating

Reverend Dan Hermanson ~ Reverend Carol Olson

Reading

"So God Made a Farmer" Kevin Fick

Music

Brenda Risbrudt, pianist
The Heibel Family

"Go Rest High on That Mountain"

Congregational Hymns

"How Great Thou Art"

"The Old Rugged Cross"

Honorary Casketbearers

Val & Terry Fick ~ Barb & Russ Dewey
Mary Ann & Bill Ruhland ~ Everett Gilbertson

Casketbearers

John Olson ~ David Olson ~ Terry Braun
Fred Risbrudt ~ Perry Kugler ~ Butch Rylander

Interment

Grue Lutheran Church, Rural Ashby, Minnesota

Military Honors

Pederson-Tripp American Legion Post 357

Appreciation

Mike's family is grateful for your attendance at this service. Your many expressions of kindness and love are deeply appreciated. Please join family and friends for lunch and fellowship following the service.

Arrangements by

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How Great Thou Art 1

Great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised. Psa. 48:1

1. O Lord my God, when I in awe - some won - der Con - sid - er
 2. When thro' the woods and for - est glades I wan - der And hear the
 3. And when I think that God, His Son not spar - ing, Sent Him to
 4. When Christ shall come with shout of ac - cla - ma - tion And take me

all the worlds Thy hands have made, I see the stars, I hear the roll - ing
 birds sing sweet - ly in the trees, When I look down from loft - y moun - tain
 die, I scarce can take it in, That on the cross, my bur - den glad - ly
 home, what joy shall fill my heart! Then I shall bow in hum - ble ad - o -

Refrain

thun - der, Thy pow'r thro' - out the u - ni - verse dis - played.
 gran - deur, And hear the brook and feel the gen - tle breeze. Then sings my
 bear - ing, He bled and died to take a - way my sin.
 ra - tion, And there pro - claim, my God, how great Thou art.

soul, my Sav - ior God, to Thee; How great Thou art, how great Thou art! Then sings my

soul, my Sav - ior God, to Thee: How great Thou art, how great Thou art!

WORDS: Stuart K. Hine, 1949
 MUSIC: Swedish folk melody; arr. Stuart K. Hine, 1949

HOW GREAT THOU ART
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* Composer's original words are "works" and "mighty."
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The Old Rugged Cross

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1. On a hill far a - way stood an old rug - ged cross, The em - blem of
 2. O that old rug - ged cross, so de - spised by the world, Has a won - drous at -
 3. In the old rug - ged cross, stained with blood so di - vine, A won - drous
 4. To the old rug - ged cross I will ev - er be true, Its shame and re -

suf - fer - ing and shame; And I love that old cross where the dear - est and best
 trac - tion for me; For the dear Lamb of God left His glo - ry a - bove
 beau - ty I see; For 'twas on that old cross Je - sus suf - fered and died
 proach glad - ly bear; Then He'll call me some day to my home far a - way,

Refrain

For a world of lost sin - ners was slain.
 To bear it to dark Cal - va - ry. So I'll cher - ish the old rug - ged
 To par - don and sanc - ti - fy me. cross, the
 Where His glo - ry for - ev - er I'll share.

cross, Till my tro - phies at last I lay down; I will cling to the
 old rug - ged cross,

old rug - ged cross, And ex - change it some day for a crown.
 cross, the old rug - ged cross,

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To every thing there is a season, and a time to every purpose under the heaven:...a time to plant, and a timer to pluck up that which is planted.
Ecclesiastes 3:1-2

