

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.
~Nancy Kraayenhof*

IN LOVING MEMORY



Arthur Weekes Jr.

1926 ~ 2021

Arthur Weekes Jr., 94, Carson, passed away at his home on July 20, 2021.

Arthur “Art” was born November 14, 1926, at home in Otter Creek Township, the son of Arthur and Alma (Johnson) Weekes. The family homesteaded along Otter Creek and Art later took over the farm/ranch operation from his parents. Arthur married Darlene Carlson on Oct. 7, 1955, and they made their home on the Weekes Ranch.

Art enjoyed the outdoors and dedicated his life to farming and ranching; you could always find him outside working with his cattle or in the fields. His day started off with a couple of cups of coffee with his wife, children, and later grandchildren. You could frequently find Art’s children or grandkids doing chores, checking cows, or riding in the tractor with him. He made time for them even if he was busy. He was always there to lend a hand to help his family and friends when the need arose. When they retired and moved to Carson, he helped local farmers and neighbors with farming and remodeling projects. Over the years, many family, friends, and neighbors shared a cup of coffee with him.

Art was an active member of St. John’s Lutheran Church, served on the board, and also ushered. He was the chairman of the Otter Creek Township for many years as well as a board member of Fairhill Cemetery.

Art is survived by the family he so loved having near him, including Dennell Hill, Carson, Doreen (Tom) Yantzer, Mandan, Arthur (Barb) Weekes, Carson, Patsy Hauge, Leith, and Denise Weekes, Plymouth, MN; 13 grandchildren; 19 great-grandchildren; and brother-in-law, Mearldean Carlson, Bismarck.

Art was preceded in death by his wife; parents; son-in-law, Danny Hauge; brothers, Gordon (Dorothy), John, Alvin (Helena), Anton (Florence), and Norman (Bonnie); and sister Leanora (Oliver) Wright.

Please go to www.BuehlerLarson.com to share memories of Art.

CELEBRATING THE LIFE OF ARTHUR WEEKES JR.

Prayer Service

Monday, July 26, 2021; 7:00 PM CT
Buehler-Larson Funeral Home, Mandan, ND

Funeral Service

Tuesday, July 27, 2021; 10:30 AM MT
St. John’s Lutheran Church, Carson, ND

Officiant

Pastor Bethany Haberstroh

Musicians

Patsy Hauge & Tana Zimmerman

Casketbearers

Trenton Weekes
Todd Mickelson
Bill Johnson
Cody Odom
James Weekes
Dustin Hendrickson
Justin Hauge
Andrew Kongsli

The family extends a heartfelt thank you to everyone for being a part of Art’s life and for being with us today.

Please join the family for lunch and fellowship in the church basement immediately following the funeral service.

Burial will take place at Fairhill Cemetery in Flasher at 1:45 PM MT.