

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 day's 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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Celebrating the life of



Alex
FERDERER

August 31, 1928 — July 4, 2023



When asking grandpa what he would like us to say in his obituary, he said, “I lived and then I died.” He also said, “If you knew me you get it, and if you didn’t know me, it doesn’t really matter.” Those are some of the last famous words of Alex J. Ferderer, 94, who was called home peacefully on July 4, 2023, a man born in a much simpler time.

Alex was born at home in Price, ND, on August 31, 1928, to Alexander and Anna Ferderer. Alex was educated through the eighth grade and worked on the family farm. He married the love of his life, Emilie Flink, on October 21, 1954. When you mix love, laughter, prayer, and a pinch of “I am sorry” you get six kids added to an already happy home. Alex and Emilie raised crops and kids all while watching farming go from a team of horses to farm equipment fully loaded with GPS and G5 commanded display. Farming would always be his passion and he would continue helping David on the farm until the age of 90.

Alex and Emilie made lasting friendships while living on the farm, and those friendships continued when they traded the old truck for a trusty Subaru that Alex drove as he delivered rural mail for the New Salem Post Office. They later decided to move to Mandan where they lived a quiet retirement enjoying their grandchildren and great-grandchildren, gardening, playing a game of pinochle and enjoying the simple things in life.

Thank you for the love, wisdom, inspiration and laughter dad, grandpa, great-grandpa and friend. You were fiercely loved by so many.

Alex will be deeply missed by his wife, Emilie of Mandan; children, James of Mandan, David (Rachelle Roemmich) of Mandan, Greg (Sherry) of Bismarck, GERALYN Farstad of Mesa, AZ, Janet (Terry) Lahren of Mandan, and Carol (Roger) Svihl of Mandan; four grandchildren, Lyndse Wagner, Laci (Chad) Czczok, Alex Lahren, and Eric (Michelle) Lahren; eleven great-grandchildren; three great great-grandchildren; sister, Lillian Janzer of Mandan; sister-in-law, Marie Ferderer of Washington; and brother-in-law, Frank Flink of Bismarck.

Alex was preceded in death by his parents, Alexander and Anna Ferderer; five brothers; three sisters; an infant sister; and a great-granddaughter, Baylee Ferderer.

Visitation **Friday, July 7, 2023; 5:00-7:00 PM**
Weigel Funeral Home

Funeral Liturgy **Saturday, July 8, 2023; 9:00 AM**
St. Joseph Catholic Church
Reverend Josh Waltz
Mary Sammons & Phil Horn

Celebrant
Musicians

Prelude *“I Can Only Imagine”*
Opening Song *“Be Not Afraid”*

Liturgy of the Word

Old Testament Reading *Isaiah 55:9-12*
Lector *Emilie Czczok*
Responsorial Psalm *Psalm 122*
“Let us go rejoicing to the house of the Lord.”
New Testament Reading *Revelation 21:1-5a, 6b-7*
Lector *Eric Lahren*
Gospel Reading *John 12:23-28*

Liturgy of the Eucharist

Preparation of Gifts Song *“On Eagle’s Wings”*
Presentation of Gifts *Alex’s Great-Grandchildren*
Eucharistic Prayer
Communion Song *“Gift Of Finest Wheat”*
Communion Meditation *“Only A Shadow”*
Final Commendation *“Song Of Farewell”*
Closing Song *“Amazing Grace”*

Honorary Urn Bearers

Alex Lahren ~ Eric Lahren ~ Laci Czczok ~ Lyndse Wagner

Graveside Services will be held at a later date at
Mandan Union Cemetery.

Following the service, the family invites you for lunch
and fellowship at the Mandan Eagles Club.