

Close the Gate

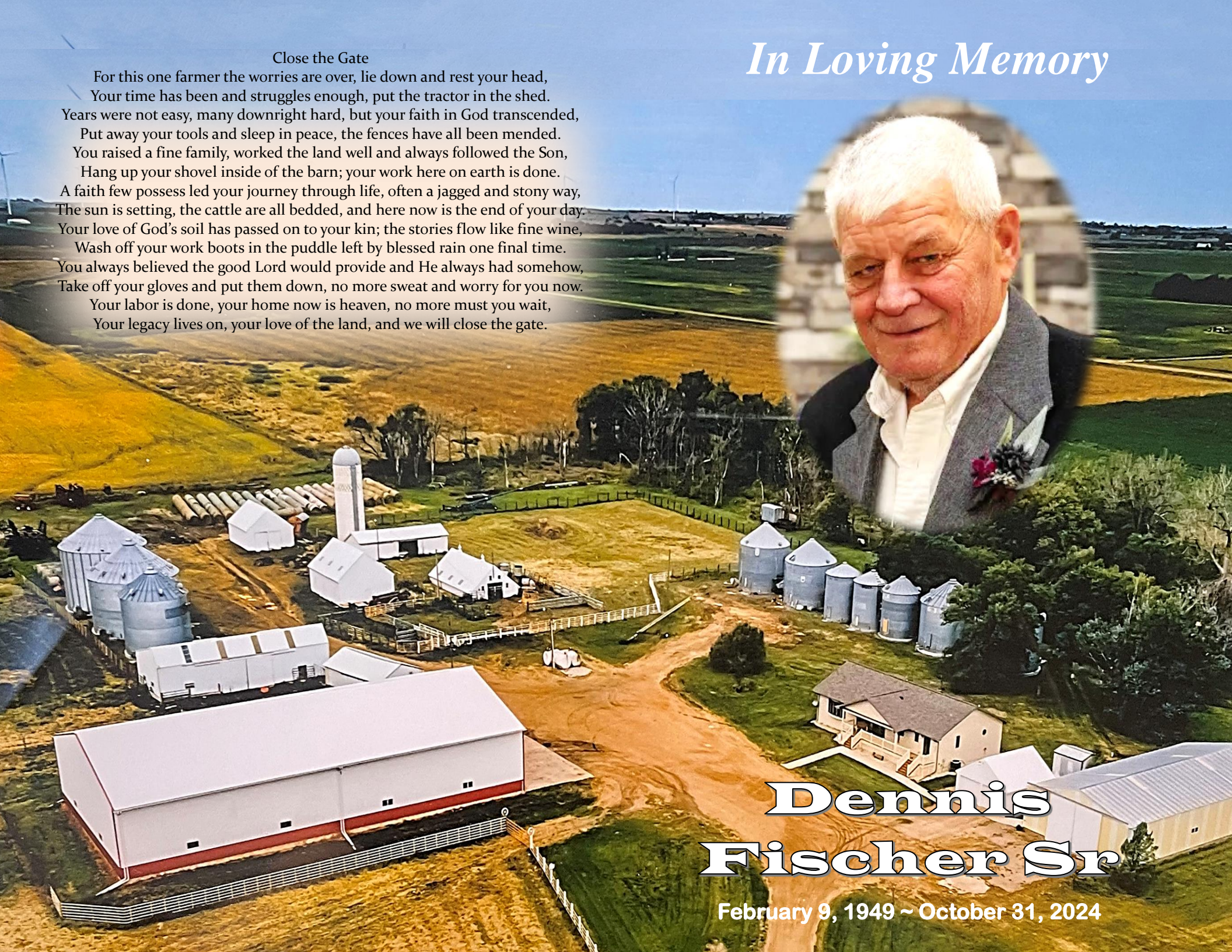
For this one farmer the worries are over, lie down and rest your head,
Your time has been and struggles enough, put the tractor in the shed.
Years were not easy, many downright hard, but your faith in God transcended,
Put away your tools and sleep in peace, the fences have all been mended.
You raised 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 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.

In Loving Memory



**Dennis
Fischer Sr**

February 9, 1949 ~ October 31, 2024



**In Loving Memory
Dennis Lee Fischer Sr
1949 ~ 2024**

PRAYER SERVICE

7:00 p.m.

**Tuesday, November 5, 2024
Friedens Reformed Church
Tripp, South Dakota**

FUNERAL

10:30 a.m.

**Wednesday, November 6, 2024
Friedens Reformed Church
Tripp, South Dakota**

CLERGY

Rev. Andy Underhile

ORGANIST

Karen Huether

CONGREGATIONAL HYMNS

*The Old Rugged Cross
Abide with Me*

SPECIAL MUSIC

*How Can I Help You Say Goodbye ~ Tammy Varilek, soloist
Take Me Home, Country Roads*

PALLBEARERS

**Kelley Eggebraaten, Brittany Zwak, Morgan Macleary,
Trisha Weber, Dustin Fischer, Malorie Walz,
Cody Fischer, Dalton Fischer & Jacey Friman**

HONORARY PALLBEARERS

Dennis's Great-Grandchildren

INTERMENT

**Friedens Reformed Church Cemetery
Tripp, South Dakota**

Dennis Lee Fischer Sr was born on February 9, 1949, to Ervin and Irene (Wittmeier) Fischer in Tyndall, SD. He was raised on the family farm south of Tripp, SD. Dennis attended Maag Rural School and Tripp High School. He met his wife, Mary Ellen Flynn of Irene SD, at Groveland Park near Tyndall. They were united in marriage on May 14, 1966, at Friedens Reformed United Church of Christ in Tripp by Reverend Henry Roemer. Dennis and Mary had three children: Dennis Jr., Terry, and Sherry.

Dennis stayed busy as the years went by. He sold Golden Harvest seed corn and won Jaycee's Outstanding Young Farmer Award in 1978. In the early years along with his father and brother, Dennis drove cattle/grain semi-trailers for Fischer Trucking. Later Dennis took over the family business with his son and grandson. He owned a custom corn shelling business that he and his family operated for over 17 years. Dennis and his family farmed many acres of land over the years along with raising cattle and pigs on their farm south of Tripp. He instilled hard working ethics in his kids as they grew up. Dennis took pride in keeping their farm looking well maintained.

Dennis had a love for rodeos. He especially loved the Scotland Rodeo every year where he was a member of the Missouri River Team Penners. As the years went by there wasn't a day that Dennis and Mary didn't watch a rodeo or an old western show on tv. They were also fond of watching the stockcar races at the Wagner Speedway during racing season.

Dennis enjoyed spending time with his grandchildren and great grandchildren. He always had a sparkle in his eye and a grin on his face when they would stop for a visit.

After numerous health issues, Dennis joined Mary at Bormann Manor in Parkston in February 2023. It was very hard on him to no longer be able to feed the cattle or work in the fields. Dennis passed away Thursday, October 31st, 2024, at the age of 75 years old.

Grateful for sharing his life are wife, Mary Ellen Fischer; children: Dennis (Sherry) Fischer Jr, Terry (Sheri) Fischer, Sherry (John) Friman all of Tripp; grandchildren: Brittany (Brice) Zwak, Dustin (Jen) Fischer, Cody (Shelby) Fischer, Trisha (Wade) Weber, Malorie (Tony) Walz, Dalton Fischer, Kelley (Austin) Eggebraaten, Morgan (Damon) Macleary and Jacey Friman; ten great-grandchildren and one on the way; sister, Donna (Gerald) Schaeffer, brother-in-law James Flynn and numerous nieces, nephews and cousins.

He is preceded in death by his parents; brother, Eugene; sister-in-law, Judy Fischer and in-laws, Donald and Esther Flynn.