Elmer Goetz was was born on November 3, 1936 to Alex and Emma (Miller) Goetz on the family farm NE of Halliday, ND. He attended country school and graduated 8th grade. Elmer was a dairy farmer and rancher for nearly all his life, having grown up working on the family farm with his father. He ultimately took over operation of the farm, though he had done work with coal hauling, construction and at the Halliday elevator. Elmer met his wife Clara while working in Halliday. They were married on October 6, 1961. They remained on the Goetz family farm, raising beef and dairy cattle, wheat and grain crops. Together they raised five children, and operated the farm until 1989. They retired from farming and moved to Killdeer, where they have lived ever since.

Upon moving, Elmer's career took a drastic change when he graciously accepted a position as a CNA at Hilltop Home of Comfort. It was a great challenge for him to put on white scrubs instead of his usual boots and jeans. However, he received recognition for his work as the first male orderly at Hilltop, by receiving the Employee of the Quarter. He was quoted in a newspaper article recognizing his achievement as saying "This is one of the nicest things that has ever happened to me." He worked at Hilltop for 18 years before retiring in 2007. However, Elmer could never truly retire, and worked for the next several years with Sample Automotive in Manning, where he did pickup and delivery of various automobiles. This was perhaps his favorite job of all, allowing him to experience some local travel and great companionship. Elmer was very much a Christian man. He attended church every Sunday, and lived a God- Fearing life. He loved to go fishing and especially loved farming and the outdoors. Elmer enjoyed gardening and took pride in his yard. He loved attending sporting events, especially those of his children and grandchildren, whom were very important parts of his life. Elmer enjoyed playing table and card games with his family and was known for shenanigans during Uno games. He also was an avid hat collector. Through often seen as a quiet man, Elmer was known for his playful



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personality. He was an incredible jokester with a great sense of humor. He will be greatly missed by many.Elmer is survived by his wife of nearly 60 years, Clara Goetz; children, Kristy (DuWayne) Miller, Michelle Goetz, Lisa Burr, Sue Sadowsky, Jeff (Andrea) Goetz; grandchildren, Kari (Joe) Stark, Lindsey (Kendra) Miller, Josh (Ashlee) Simon, Zack (Jamie-Lynn) Simon, Rebecca (Nathan) Roach, April Coming Hay, Jace Burr, Dani (Ian) Hasek, Austyn (ReeAnn) Sadowsky, Alex Sadowsky, Cara (Enget) Dang, Jordan Goetz, Jessica Goetz; great-grandchildren, Dylan and Ava Stark, Jackson Simon, Bethany and Joseph Roach, Damion Coming Hay, Isaiah, Eboni and Emarie Miller; brother, Victor (Gail) Goetz: sister-in-law. Lorna Goetz: and numerous extended family members. He is preceded in death by his parents, Alex and Emma Goetz; siblings, baby Elmer Goetz, Ruth Goetz, Wilma Friese, Harold Goetz and Eleanor Butler.



# THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father who art in heaven, Hallowed by Thy name. They kingdom come; Thy will be done on earth, as it is in heaven. And forgive us for our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever.

Amen.







# Elmer Goetz

# **FUNERAL SERVICE:**

Friday, August 20, 2021 10:00 am St. John Lutheran Church Killdeer, North Dakota

# **PRAYER SERVICE:**

Thursday, August 19, 2021 6:00 pm Stevenson Funeral Home Killdeer, North Dakota

### **OFFICIATING:**

Pastor Dorothy Stein Pastoral Intern Anne Nies

> MUSIC: Colleen Reinhardt

READERS: April Coming Hay Jessica Goetz

# **PALLBEARERS:**

Lindsey Miller Austyn Sadwosky Jace Burr Josh Simon Alex Sadwosky Jordan Goetz

# HONORARY PALLBEARERS:

Zack Simon Dylan Stark Isaiah Miller Damion Coming Hay

# **INTERMENT:**

St. Paul's Lutheran Cemetery Halliday, North Dakota

#### **ARRANGEMENTS BY:**

Stevenson Funeral Home Killdeer, North Dakota

Lunch will be served at the church following the funeral service. Everyone is welcome.