



LeRoy Henry Saylor was born Monday, December 28, 1936 to Theodore and Leontina (Mehlhaf) Saylor in rural Scotland, SD. He grew up his whole life in rural Scotland. He was baptized (1937) and confirmed (1951) in the Christian faith at Salem Reformed Church in Menno, South Dakota. He attended Odessa rural school through the eighth grade. He then went on to attend Scotland High School for one and a half years before working fulltime on the family farm. In 1961 he signed up for the National Guard. As he returned home to the farm, he encountered a serious farm accident in July 1964.

May 25, 1972 he was united in marriage to Marjorie Boschker at Emmanuel Reformed Church in Springfield, South Dakota. They were blessed with three children Lee, Mary and Ann. They lived their entire life on the farm until December 2010 when they moved into Scotland.

LeRoy enjoyed farming and the cattle business his whole life. Besides farming, LeRoy also remained busy in the community. He served on the Scotland School Board, Scotland Coop Board, Scotland Development Corporation and the Bon Homme Cattlemen's Association. LeRoy always enjoyed time playing the game of Pinochle with friends. He was a member of the

Scotland Community Church formerly known as the United Church of Christ and served many offices throughout the years.

Despite losing his eyesight in the last year he continued to enjoy spending time with his family, including every event of his grandchildren, going for drives with his beloved wife, visiting with friends about the farming and cattle business. He always anticipated that first ripe tomato from their garden.

LeRoy Henry Saylor, 83 of Scotland passed away Sunday, February 23, 2020 at Avera McKennan Hospital in Sioux Falls, SD. He passed away exactly 24 years to the day of his father.

He is survived by his wife Marjorie of Scotland, SD; son Lee (Angie Kreber) Saylor and their children Audrey, Landon and Logan; daughters Mary (Jeff) DeBoer and their children Alexis, Micah and Martina; Ann (Brent) Rames and their children Blake, Amanda, Autumn and Emmarie of Menno, SD; sister Lorraine (Edwin) Kaul of Tea, SD; several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents Theodore and Leontina Sayer, brother and sister-in-law Harlen and Elaine Saylor; father and mother-in-law John and Martha Boschker; brothers-in-law Arnold and Marvin Boschker and sister-in-law Arlene Boschker.



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 under the hot, summer sun,
hang up your shovel inside the barn;
your work on earth is done.
A faith few possess led your journey through life,
Often a jagged and stony way,
The sun it setting, the crops are harvested,
And here now the end of your day.
Your love of God's soil has passed onto your kin,
The stories flow like good beer,
Wash off your boots in the puddle of rain,
For there is nothing more to fear.
You always believed that
the good Lord would provide,
And He always had somehow,
Take off your gloves and put them away,
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 the land,
And yes Dad - we will close the gate...

In Loving Memory

LeRoy Henry Saylor

December 28, 1936 - February 23, 2020

FUNERAL SERVICE

10:30 a.m.

Wednesday, February 26, 2020

Scotland Community Church

Scotland, South Dakota

CLERGY: Rev Jim Bartsch & Rev Michael Hecht

ORGANIST: Linda Kronaizl

MUSICAL SELECTIONS: "How Great Thou Art" & "It Is Well With My Soul"

SPECIAL MUSIC BY: James Dangel "My Chains Are Gone"

PALLBEARERS

Micah DeBoer

Blake Rames

Logan Saylor

Landon Saylor

Ira Kaul

Don Saylor

HONORARY PALLBEARERS

Alexis DeBoer

Martina DeBoer

Autumn Rames

Audrey Saylor

Amanda Rames

Emmarie Remes

INTERMENT

Rosehill Cemetery

Scotland, South Dakota

