

James "Jim" Hazelton, 76, passed away on Sunday, October 4, 2020 at Essentia Health in Fargo, ND.

James Gordon Hazelton was born on February 14, 1944 to Boyd and Ella (Olson) Hazelton in Detroit Lakes, MN. After his schooling, he went to work on the neighbor's dairy farm which is where he met the love of his life Irene Greminger. Jim and Irene were united in

marriage at Holy Rosary Catholic Church on June 26, 1965. To this union four children were born LeAnn, Bryan, Nancy, and Brent.

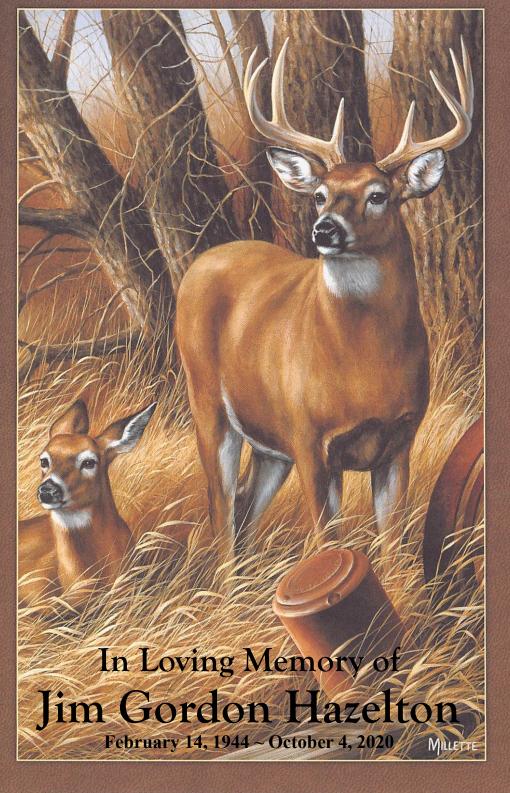
Jim joined the National Guard in 1964 and was enlisted for 20 years in total. After their marriage Jim and Irene moved to Washington where Jim worked for Boeing, and he worked for the company for three years.

When they moved back to Minnesota in 1970, he took over the family farm where he worked most of his life. He also worked at the casino in Mahnomen for 25 years before his retirement in January 2020.

Jim enjoyed many things in life like hunting, old classic cars, driving tractor, fixing things, watching Gunsmoke, and going to NASCAR, Monster Jam and Daytona. He loved spending time with his family and playing with his grandkids. He planted trees all over the farm and would take little saplings from the side of the road to plant. He was an avid chocolate chip stealer, no matter where Irene hid them Jim would always find them.

Deeply loved, Jim's passing will be mourned by his wife of 55 years Irene, his children; LeAnn Hazelton, Brian Hazelton, Nancy (Dan Reger) Hazelton, and Brent (Stella) Hazelton, his grandchildren; Bryant, Reese, Octavia, Mikayla, and Ensely, and his siblings; Ronnie Hazelton and Berdella (Oskar) Schock.

Jim is met in Heaven by his parents Boyd and Ella, his brother Paul Hazelton, his sister Betty Anderson, and his infant brother Dwayne.







#### DOWN ON THE FARM

My soul feels at rest when I'm down on the farm As I watch the rich soil work its God-given charm. So I'm given to daydream as I breathe the fresh air And walk past the blossoms returning my stare.

And oh, what excitement skips through my heart As I see a small seed sprout up with a start. And then, day by day, such marvels are seen As the rich rows change hue, from black earth to green.

Like life and the crops, we revel in grace As the seasons move past at their slow glacial pace, For to plant and to hoe and to watch and to wait Is a life filled with mercy, demanding of faith.

As the dew winks good morning and the corn waves good night Row upon row gently weaves out of sight. Yes, my gratefulness flows with all that I see When I'm down on the farm, God's great love touches me.

# In Loving Memory of Jim Gordon Hazelton

February 14, 1944 ~ October 4, 2020

### Mass of Christian Burial

Tuesday, October 13, 2020 ~ 2:00 P.M. Assumption Catholic Church Callaway, Minnesota Father David Baumgartner, *Officiating* Avis Flottemesch, *Pianist* 

#### **Special Music**

"Amazing Grace" "I Am the Bread of Life" "On Eagles Wings"

# **Pallbearers**

Tony Baker, Pete Anderson, Bryant Hazelton, Richie Hazelton, Bill Purrington, Dan Reger

# **Honorary Pallbearers**

Jack Bryngelson His Grandchildren Bryant, Reese, Octavia, Mikayla, and Ensley

# <u>Interment</u>

Richwood Lakeside Cemetery Richwood, Minnesota