

**Herbert Nicholas Botzet**, the son of Henry and Anna (Roers) Botzet, was born on August 6, 1925 in Leaf Valley Township, MN. He attended St. Mary's Catholic School in Millerville through the eighth grade. Herb worked on his family's Century Dairy Farm for his entire life growing crops and raising livestock.

Herbert was united in marriage to Elaine Pekulick on May 16, 1950, the first couple to be married in the new St. Mary's Catholic Church (which is currently the Great Hall). Together they bought a farm and started a family. Five children were born to this marriage, Donald (deceased), Mary Ann, Donna, LaVonne, and Thomas. Elaine died suddenly from a brain aneurism in 1969, leaving Herb to care for his children. With the help of his family and friends, Herb raised his children to become strong, independent, and hardworking individuals.

Herb was a man who never slowed down. He worked several jobs driving milk truck and delivering farm equipment while maintaining the family farm. In his later years, he worked for BAC Industries, assembling approximately one million tarp grabbers. Herb always loved to go for a drive to look at the crops, the countryside and of course, go for ice cream. He enjoyed sitting outside, breathing in the country air, and listening to the sounds of the wind, leaves and animals. Herb also liked to go fishing and to care for his many German Shepherds over the years. He will be forever missed by those who knew and loved him.

Herbert N. Botzet died on Sunday, December 10, 2017 at Knute Nelson in Alexandria at the age of 92 years old. He is survived by his children, Mary Ann Janey of St. Joseph, Donna Strommen of Glenwood, LaVonne (John) Kerfeld of Duluth, and Tom (Amy) Botzet of Buckhannon, WV; nine grandchildren, Lyle Janey of Italy, Josh (Ranell) Strommen of Big Lake, Doug (Tristan) Kerfeld of Hermantown, Dan (Amanda) Kerfeld of Duluth, Christina (Kyle) Kirkham of Rochester, Katelyn Kerfeld of Duluth, Justin Botzet of Annapolis, MD, Jordan Strommen of Minneapolis, and Angie Botzet of Buckhannon, WV; 12 great grandchildren, Sarah Janey, Nickolas Janey, Carter Strommen, Reese Strommen, Sierra Strommen, Addelena Strommen, Calvin Kirkham, Amara Kerfeld, Cora Kerfeld, Braylee Kerfeld, Brody Kerfeld, and Connor Kerfeld; sister, SuAnn (David) Lusty of Miltona. Herb was preceded in death by his parents, wife Elaine, infant son Donald Henry Botzet, and granddaughter Megan Botzet.

## In Loving Memory



## Herbert Nicholas Botzet 1925 - 2017



### 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 that 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 Memory of

### Herbert Nicholas Botzet

August 6, 1925 † December 10, 2017

### Mass of Christian Burial

Our Lady of Seven Dolours Catholic Church  
Millerville, Minnesota

Friday, December 15, 2017 11:00 AM

**Officiant** - Father Peter Vander Weyst

**Organist** - Laurie Youngers

### Casket Bearers

Lyle Janey	Josh Strommen
Doug Kerfeld	Dan Kerfeld
Christina Kirkham	Katelyn Kerfeld
Justin Botzet	Jordan Strommen
Angie Botzet	

### Honorary Casket Bearers

Sarah Janey	Nickolas Janey
Carter Strommen	Reese Strommen
Sierra Strommen	Addelena Strommen
Calvin Kirkham	Amara Kerfeld
Cora Kerfeld	Braylee Kerfeld
Brody Kerfeld	Connor Kerfeld

### Interment

Our Lady of Seven Dolours Catholic Church  
Millerville, Minnesota

Arrangements are with  
Anderson Funeral Home