



• I believe in farming because it makes all this possible. to stand tall and feel pride in the life he's lived. • I grows old and sums up his days, he should be able their shared experience. • I believe when a man your whole family feel the pride that springs from ripen in the field, your children grow tall in the sun, true happiness comes from watching our crops

• I believe a man's greatest possession is his dignity and that no calling bestows this more abundantly than farming. • I believe hard work and honest sweat are the building blocks of a person's character. • I believe that farming, despite its hardships and disappointments, is the most honest and honorable way a man can spend his days on this earth. • I believe my children are learning values that will last a lifetime and can be learned in no other way. • I believe many of the best things in life are indeed free: the splendor of a sunrise, the rapture of wide open spaces, the exhilarating sight of your land greening each spring. • I believe



In Loving Memory

LeRoy Moltzen

MAY 10, 1940 - FEBRUARY 7, 2019

Visitation

February 12, 2019; 1:00 - 3:00 PM ~ Buehler-Larson Funeral Home, Mandan, ND

Committal Service with Pastor Rose Trenbeath

3:30 PM ~ Peace Cemetery, New Salem, ND

Pallbearers

Wayne Holle, Alfred Cofer, Allan Tellman, Terry Wilkens, Lyle Moltzen, Kevin Moltzen

Honorary Pallbearers

All LeRoy's Grandchildren

LeRoy Moltzen, 78, New Salem, passed away February 7, 2019, at Sanford Health in Bismarck.

LeRoy Raymond Moltzen was born at a home in New Salem on May 10, 1940, to Raymond and Hilma (Tausend) Moltzen. He was raised on the Moltzen farmstead which was homesteaded by his great-grandfather John Moltzen and his wife Katherine in 1883. He lived his entire life there except about two months when, after graduation from New Salem High School in 1958, he went to Seattle, WA and worked for Boeing Mfg. and quickly decided it was not the life for him. He returned home to the farm and stayed there the rest of his life. From little on, his nickname was "Butch," and he always enjoyed it when his friends and family called him that.

On January 16, 1960, he married Betty Lou Thiel and the fifth generation of Moltzens were then raised on the farm. Besides farming, LeRoy was also a very talented musician. At the age of ten, his parents ordered his first accordion from the Spiegel catalog. He took a handful of lessons from someone traveling through New Salem and otherwise played by ear. His mother's cousin taught him to chord on the piano. He also taught himself with books he ordered. In the '70s, he and his brother-in-law, Rod Reuther, and their families loved entertaining at Elm Crest Manor in New Salem. The residents' favorite song was "How Much Is That Doggie In The Window." For many years, he and fellow musicians played for wedding dances, anniversaries, and parties, also traveling to neighboring towns.

LeRoy was an avid Trinity Titan fan and especially pestered his friends and relatives about buying Mardi Gras raffle tickets. To coincide with this, a couple CDs were made with his children and grandchildren to show off their musical talents which he was very proud of.

Rather than entering into full retirement as he grew older, LeRoy became the fulltime keeper of the farmyard – keeping it pretty well manicured. LeRoy was very compassionate with all of his animals, especially his kitties; he could never stay anyplace too long because the cat chores had to be done.

LeRoy spent quite a few years serving on the ND Shorthorn Association Board of Directors, and he also served as the Director from Moltzen Township for the Rural Fire Department.

LeRoy is survived by his wife of 59 years, Betty; his children, DeLannes (Russ) Klug, Dickinson; Tammy (Mike) Just, Gilbert, AZ; Kevin (Shelly) Moltzen, Jamestown; and Kendra (Mike) Finck, Beulah; eleven grandchildren, Kristi Klug, Mark (Abby) Klug, Matthew (Lanie) Klug, Alex Klug, Nicholas (Katie) Klug, John Meier, Thomas Meier, Maya Moltzen, Marissa Moltzen, Ayden Finck, and Ethan Finck; four great-grandchildren, Saylor and Kamryn Klug, and Trace and Chantry Klug; and one brother, Lyle (Peggy) Moltzen, New Salem.

LeRoy was preceded in death by his daughter Cheryl Ann, and his parents, Raymond and Hilma Moltzen.

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