

In Loving Memory

And on the 8th day, God looked down on his
planned paradise and said, I need a caretaker.
So God Made a Farmer.

God said, I need someone ready to get up before
dawn and milk the cows, till the fields, milk the
cows again, and then go to town and stay past
midnight at the meeting of the school board.
So God Made a Farmer.

God said, I need somebody to sit up all night with
a newborn colt and watch it die, then dry his eyes
and say maybe next year. I need somebody who
can shape an axe handle from a Persimmon
sprout, shoe a horse with a hunk of tire, make a
harness out of hay wire, feedsacks and shoe
scraps. Who, at planting time and harvest
season, will finish his fourty hour week by
Tuesday noon, Then, pain'n from tractor back put
in another seventy two hours.
So God Made a Farmer.

God said, I need somebody strong enough to
clear trees and heave bales, yet gentle enough to
tame lambs and wean pigs and tend the pink
combed pullets, who will stop his mower for an
hour to splint the broken leg of a Meadow Lark.
So God Made a Farmer.

It had to be somebody who'd plow deep and
straight and not cut corners, somebody to seed
and weed, feed and breed, rake and disc, plow
and plant, tie the fleece and strain the milk.
Somebody who'd bale a family together with the
soft, strong bonds of sharing, who'd laugh and
then sigh, and then reply with smiling eyes when
his son says he wants to spend his life doing what
Dad does. So God Made a Farmer.



Glen Norman Jerke

June 16, 1933 ~ April 10, 2024

Goglin Funeral Homes are honored to serve
the family and friends of Glen Jerke.



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1933 ~ 2024

PRAYER SERVICE
7:00 p.m. Sunday, April 14, 2024
St. John's Lutheran Church
Tyndall, South Dakota

FUNERAL SERVICE
10:30 a.m. Monday, April 15, 2024
St. John's Lutheran Church
Tyndall, South Dakota

CLERGY
Pastor Dean Schroeder

MUSIC
Melissa Bruna ~ accompanist
Congregational Hymns
A Mighty Fortress
How Great Thou Art
I Know That My Redeemer Lives
Special Music by Cheyenne Schenkel

PALLBEARERS
Nick Jerke, Derrick Jerke, TJ Jerke, Kyle Jerke,
Chris Jerke, Michaela Jerke & John Henry Knudtson

HONORARY PALLBEARERS
Sarah Brockel, Rachel Jerke, Michaela Jerke,
Bethann Jerke, Megan Jerke, Katelyn Jerke,
Christina Winker, Jessica Murray,
Arin Gonseth, David Knudtson & Molly Zantene

INTERMENT
ZCBJ Cemetery
Wagner, South Dakota

Glen Norman Jerke was born June 16, 1933 rural Delmont, SD to Otto and Pearl (Uecker) Jerke. The family lived at several different locations in the Wagner, Avon and Delmont areas. Glen attended Myrtle Country School, rural Avon. He completed his education in the parochial school at Zion Lutheran Church in Avon.

Glen was united in marriage to Verna Gibson, June 16, 1953 at Zion Lutheran Church, Avon. They lived and farmed several acreages around the Avon area until they moved to Corsica, SD where Glen worked for a local farmer. Glen attended Graham School for Cattlemen in Garnett, Kansas. After returning to South Dakota, Glen continued his farming career, near Avon, for several years. They settled on a farm by Dante, where Glen farmed until his death.

He served the Lord in many jobs in the church, where he also loved to sing, especially in the church choir and at weddings. Glen loved his Lord Jesus Christ and was a witness for Him until his last breath.

Glen passed away Wednesday, April 10, 2024 at Wagner Community Memorial Hospital at the age of 90.

Glen is survived by his sons, Douglas (Theresa), Daniel (Lisa) and Michael (Patrice); daughter-in-law, Carol Jerke; grandchildren, Derrick (Bethann), TJ (Megan), Kyle (Kaitlyn), Christopher (Christina), Sarah, Nicholas (Michaela), Rachel, Michaela, Jessica (Nick), Arin (Nate), David (Sue), Molly (Matt) and John Henry; 17 great-grandchildren; sisters, Clarice (EJ) Burke, Wilma Estes, Lois (Ron) Willman and Donna (Ron) Bruna; brother, Gary (Susan) Jerke and sister-in-law, Velda.

He is preceded in death by his wife, Verna; son, Arlan; parents, Otto and Pearl; brother, Clifford; sisters, Delores Peters and Shirley Gibson.