

Anton "Tony" Biel was born April 30, 1921 on the family farm near Dodge, ND, the son of Henry and Elizabeth (Neurohr) Biel. He grew up and attended school at the American-New Hungary District Country School. Tony continued to work on the family farm until he entered the CCC's and spent time in South Eastern Montana. He returned to the Lefor area where he began his career in farming. During this time, he met Helen Laub and the two were married on June 25, 1946. Tony and Helen raised their 2 children on two different farmsteads south of Dickinson. They moved to the current farm, which they built from scratch, in 1967. There was nothing he enjoyed more than watching the cycle of life on the farm, from watching seeds turn into plants, to cows producing calves. It was routine to take Helen out to view the first crocuses of spring. Tony was passionate about all of his endeavors from being part owner of Modern Implement to farming and ranching. Tony enjoyed taking hunting trips to Montana with friends and relatives in his early years. At one point he and his brother-in-law captured a bear cub. Tony was an active member at St. Joseph's Catholic Church, serving on various committees. He was a Knights of Columbus 4th Degree, involved in the Farm Bureau and Crop Improvement Association. Tony passed away Sunday, March 31, 2013 at his home south of Dickinson, as he chose. Tony is survived by his son, Gerald (Laurie) Biel of Dickinson; daughter, Kathleen (Randy) Schroeder of Cave Creek, AZ; grandchildren, Jared Biel of Fargo, ND, and Alyssa Biel of Rapid City, SD; brothers, Nick (Betty) Biel, and Emery Biel both of Dickinson; and sisters, Dorothy Kolling, and Alice Baar both of Dickinson, and Rosalie Hunke of Richardton. He was preceded in death by his parents, Henry and Elizabeth Biel, wife Helen Biel and a brother, Adam Biel.



Tony Biel

April 30, 1921 - March 31, 2013





I Believe in Farming

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 true happiness comes from watching your crops ripen in the field, your children grow tall in the sun, your whole family feel the pride that springs from their shared experience.

I believe when a man grows old and sums up his days, he should be able to stand tall and feel pride in the life he's lived.

I believe in farming because it makes all this possible.



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FUNERAL MASS:

Friday, April 5, 2013 10:00 a.m.
St. Joseph's Catholic Church
Dickinson, North Dakota

ROSARY & VIGIL SERVICE:

Thursday, April 4, 2013 7:00 p.m.
Stevenson Funeral Home
Dickinson, North Dakota

CELEBRATING:

Father Keith Streifel
Deacon Bob Zent

MUSIC:

Angela Reiter

PALLBEARERS:

Bob Kuntz	Greg Hunke
Dean Baar	Chad Biel
Kevin Kolling	Matt Biel

READER:

Jack Fritz

INTERMENT:

St. Joseph's Cemetery
Dickinson, North Dakota

ARRANGEMENTS BY:

Stevenson Funeral Home
Dickinson, North Dakota

Please join us for a family dinner served at Lady J's following the graveside service.