

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 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 Loving Memory of

Allan Bachman

March 4, 1952 - September 5, 2023





Allan was born March 4, 1952, in Langdon, ND, to Peter and Neva (Spratt) Bachman. He grew up and attended school in the Langdon area, graduating in 1971 from Langdon High School. Allan started farming right out of high school. He also worked at the missile site, drove bus and worked at the local liquor store in addition to his farming duties. On June 14, 1975, Allan married Patty Crockett on the Crockett family farm near Wales, ND. Allan and Patty hand-built their home northwest of Langdon, where they farmed and raised their four children. They were fortunate to be able to spend the last seven winters living in Mesa, Arizona.

Allan's lifelong passion was to farm. He was fortunate enough to be able to spend his last years farming with his son, Daren. He also had a knack for cooking. He was famous for his steaks! Sunday suppers with his family were almost a weekly tradition. When Allan had some rare free time when he wasn't in the tractor or in one of his Peterbilts, he enjoyed camping, happy hour, and going for crop tours. His pride and joy were his wife, kids and grandkids. He looked forward to going to their activities, spending time with them, or having them visit him at the farm. Grandpa was notorious for sneaking the grandkids snacks when mom and dad weren't looking. Allan was a former president of the Langdon Curling Club, was vice president of the Dakota Spirit Arena during the addition of the locker rooms in 2005, and was a township officer.

Surviving Allan are his wife, Patty, of Langdon; children: Patrick (Kristy) of Grand Forks, ND, Daren (Whitney) of Langdon, and Rachael (Benny) Hoffarth of Langdon; grandchildren: Jack, Haley & Andrew, Mason, Kamron & Logan, and Scarlet & Jade; and his siblings. He was preceded in death by his son, James; his parents; brother Victor; and infant brother Mark.

Allan passed away September 5, 2023, at the age of 71 at his favorite place, the farm.



MEMORIAL SERVICE

Monday, September 11, 2023 ~ 2:00 p.m.

St. Alphonsus Church

Langdon, ND

CLERGY

Fr. Bill McDermott

MUSIC

Bob Schaan St. Alphonsus Church Choir

“You Are Near” “On Eagle’s Wings”

“How Great Thou Art” ~ Steve Hart

READERS

Darlene Rutledge Veronica Fernow

URN BEARERS

Darrel Bachman Wayne Rutledge Loren Nelson

Bobby Klein Dave Zeis Charlie Klein

INURNMENT

Calvary Cemetery

Langdon, ND

Brooks Funeral Home ~ Langdon, ND