



Final Harvest

*He was bound to the land from the day of his birth
His roots anchored deep in the fertile earth
Nurtured, sustained, by the soil he grew
And his life, like his furrows, ran straight and true.*

*In faith, each spring, he planted the seeds
In hope, to reap his family's needs
With patience, he waited for the harvest to come
To gather the fruits of his labor home.*

*Ever turning seasons, the years sped past
Til the final harvest came at last
Then claimed anew by beloved sod
He was gathered home to be with God.*

—Barbara W. Weber

IN LOVING MEMORY OF

Robert Olaf Pekelder, Jr.

WHO WAS BORN

July 18, 1937
Glenham, South Dakota

AND CALLED TO HIS ETERNAL HOME

October 21, 2024
Stockholm, South Dakota

FUNERAL SERVICE

Saturday, November 9, 2024 - 10:30 a.m.
Tabor Lutheran Church
Strandburg, South Dakota

OFFICIANT

Vicar Emelia Enquist

MUSICIANS

Kathy Granquist, Organist
Paul Peterson, Vocalist
Verla Peterson, Accompanist

CASKET BEARERS

Myles Pekelder | Alex Pekelder | Jamie Pekelder
Merlin Fields | Kevin Pistorius | Todd Pekelder | Terry Lindberg

HONORARY CASKET BEARERS

All of Bob's Café Friends
Prairie Lakes Hospice Staff

INTERMENT

Evergreen Cemetery
Stockholm, South Dakota

APPRECIATION

Bob's family is grateful for your attendance at this service.
Your expressions of kindness and love are deeply appreciated.
Following the graveside service, please join the family for
a time of food and fellowship in the church dining room.

Mundwiler Funeral Home - Milbank, South Dakota

Robert Olaf Pekelder, Jr. was born on July 18, 1937, in Glenham, SD, to Robert Sr. and Hannah (Nordstrom) Pekelder. The family moved to the Strandburg/Stockholm, SD, area when he was a young child. Bob attended elementary school in Stockholm and attended high school in Strandburg where he graduated with the Class of 1956.

Throughout his life, Bob was known for his hard work and dedication. After high school, he devoted his time to farming alongside his father and driving trucks for Stockholm Creamery. His sense of duty eventually led him to serve in the National Guard during the Berlin Crisis.

Finding love with Sharlyn Pistorius, they joined their lives in marriage in Browns Valley, MN, in 1970. Together, they shared over four decades on a farm near Stockholm, where they raised a family and cultivated a home filled with love and warmth.

A devoted member of Tabor Lutheran Church, Bob found support and community in his faith. Throughout his years, he also served on the Stockholm Township Board, demonstrating his commitment to bettering the lives of those around him.

Bob will be deeply missed by his loved ones, friends, and all who had the privilege of knowing him.

Surviving Bob are his sons: Kris (Anna) Pekelder, and Ryan (Amy) Pekelder; five grandchildren: Alex Pekelder, Myles Pekelder, Lily Pekelder, Devin Pekelder, and Nathaniel Pekelder; sister, Alice Larson; along with numerous nieces, nephews, family, and friends.

Preceding him in death were his parents; his wife, Sharlyn in 2017; son, John; brother, Harvey Pekelder; and sister, Arlene Fields.

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