Chester was born June 24, 1946 in Dickinson to Samuel and Minnie (Kastner) Brandt. He attended elementary school at St. Clements in Haymarsh and graduated from the Hebron High School in 1965. He enrolled at the University of North Dakota, Grand Forks, ND, where he graduated in 1969 with a Bachelor's Degree in Industrial Technology. Chester married Jane Schave Berg November 24, 1978 and gained two children - Carlee and Curt. In 1969, alongside his brother Charles, they took over the family farm. Chester and Chuck worked countless hours tending to the land. There were many times walking away would have been easier, but they stayed strong and made it into the success it is today. Chester enjoyed hunting with his friends Duane, Jim, Ken and Rick. They had made up their own hunting group and always made sure to plan trips together. He also enjoyed fishing with his friends, especially Denis, but always hoped for more time to get away to drop a fish line into the water. He was very active in the Hebron community. He served on the Hebron City Council, Hebron Economic Development Corporation, Hebron Lion's Club, St. Ann Catholic Church, was a former member of the Broken Arrow Saddle Club, Rolling Hill Snowriders Club and served as a director of the Hebron Farmers Elevator Co. He was also an active member of I-Band and R-Calf He enjoyed three trips with his wife to Brazil to visit their son Curt and attend his wedding and many trips to Omaha to visit daughter Carlee and her husband Richard and their children. Chester is survived by his wife Jane, Hebron; daughter Carlee Seeba, Omaha, NE; son Curt (Regina) Berg, Melbourne, FL; grandchildren Mike (Katie) Seeba and daughter Peyton Jade Seeba, Chester and Jane's great granddaughter; Megan and Matt Arnold, Frisco, TX; brothers Allan (Judy) Brandt, Bismarck; Daryl (Jean) Brandt, Glen Ullin; sister Margo Wetzel, Bismarck and sister-in-law Kim Brandt, Mandan, plus numerous nieces and nephews and his two beloved dogs, Maggie and Tucker and the ranch's cat, Boots. He was preceded in death by his parents, Samuel and Minnie Brandt; son-in-law Richard Seeba;

brothers Chuck Brandt and Wally and Rayeann Brandt; sister, Annette Brandt and brother-in-law David Wetzel. For this one rancher 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 under the hot, summer sun. Hang up your shovel inside the barn, your work on earth is done. A faith few possess led your journey thru life, often a jagged and stony way. The sun is setting, the hay has been brought in and here now is the end of your day. You always believed that the good Lord would provide and He always had somehow. Take off your gloves and put them away, 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 yes - we will close the gate.

## Chester Brandt

In Loving Memory

June 24 1946 - August 19, 2023

## **Chester Brandt**

FUNERAL MASS Saturday, August 26, 2023 10:00 am St. Ann's Catholic Church Hebron, North Dakota

**ROSARY & VIGIL** Friday, August 25, 2023 6:00 pm St. Ann's Catholic Church Hebron, North Dakota

**CON-CELEBRATING** Father Gary Benz Father Bruce Krebs

> MUSIC Harvey Tibor The Bluestems

READER Irene Wehri

SERVERS Collin, Braden & Addison Wehri

**GIFT BEARERS** Valerie Weigel, Michele Bartholomay & Shannon Johnson

**PALLBEARERS** Dennis Tibor Mike Seeba Jason Brandt

Matt Arnold Mike Wetzel Kelly Brandt

INTERMENT St. Ann's Cemetery Hebron, North Dakota

**ARRANGEMENTS BY** Stevenson Funeral Home Hebron, North Dakota

Lunch will be served at the Hebron Community Center following the graveside service. Everyone is welcome.



## IN TRIBUTE

The farm was tired and said, "Chester, I have tried to keep up with you all these years. You have loved me through good and bad times and stood by me in hail storms, high winds, drought and flooding waters. With gentle love the farm added, "I cannot thank you enough for all of this, my brother, for 77 years of abiding love and devotion, blessing me with more gifts than I could imagine. What can I do for you in return?"

Chester smiled and said "It is I who owes you for being by my side since birth and giving me joy and lifelong lessons. We grew older together and have seen each other through the best and worst of times. What else could I want? You gave me your all and I am eternally grateful."

And with that the brothers shared a gentle sigh, a smile and an embrace, both so very tired and in need of rest. "Then, let us rest together, just as we have lived throughout the seasons of these many years."

"Rest, my brother, forever by my side. You are safe and you are loved."

