

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 that 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

—Nancy Kraayenhof



In Loving Memory of Adam M. Schafer

OCTOBER 22, 1925 – SEPTEMBER 22, 2018

Rosary/Parish Vigil Wednesday, September 26, 2018, 7 pm
Saint Lawrence Catholic Church, Flasher ND
Presider Deacon Michael Fix
Musician..... Julie Ternes
Rosary Leaders..... Flasher Knights of Columbus 4th Degree members
Funeral Liturgy Thursday, September 27, 2018, 10:30 am
Saint Lawrence Catholic Church, 104 5th Ave E, Flasher ND
Celebrants Rev. Dennis Schafer and Deacon Michael Fix
Musician..... Julie Ternes
Opening Song..... **Here I Am, Lord #379**

LITURGY OF THE WORD

Old Testament reading: Lamentations 3: 17-26 Todd Schweitzer
Response: Psalm 23 Shepherd Me, O God #459
New Testament reading: Revelation 21:1-5a,6b-7 Jenifer Porter
Gospel: Matthew 5:1-12a Deacon Michael Fix
Homily

LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

Offertory Song **10,000 Reasons (Bless the Lord) #560**
Presentation of the Gifts..... Diane Cullum, Tom Fix
Communion Song **Eye Has Not Seen #462**
Communion Meditation Lovely Lady, Dressed in Blue
Final Commendation..... **O Loving God #682**
Recessional **Holy God, We Praise Thy Name #192**

CASKET BEARERS

Daniel Schafer Teresa Schafer Weston Schafer Jake Schafer
Levi Schafer Eric Salwei Cole Schafer Megan Schafer
All grandchildren and great-grandchildren are honorary casket bearers.

Interment will be at Saint Lawrence Catholic Cemetery, Flasher ND
Lunch following graveside service at
1More Bar & Grill, 110 6th Ave W, (Highway 21) Flasher ND

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Adam was born to Michael J. and Barbara (Fix) Schafer on October 22, 1925, and was raised on the homestead in Grant County, learning farming/ranching from his parents. When rural electrification came to the area Adam earned his Journeyman's License under the tutelage of Laurence Engelman, a Master Electrician, who introduced

him to his sister, Helen. Adam was united in marriage to Helen E. Engelman on November 28, 1950, at St. Mary's Catholic Church in New England. Together they operated the farm and ranch northwest of Flasher. To this union were born Kathleen, Nancy, David, Dennis, Bill, Randal, Bernard, Linda, and +Ronald.

Adam had a great pitching arm during his youth; one Sunday evening he pitched a double header. His arm was never the same! Adam loved to learn and diligently studied all things electronic and aviation-related. He was intellectually curious, often asking his sons about the meaning of words he read or heard. He was an avid reader of non-fiction and marveled at technological change he witnessed.

Adam walked with God! In the Scriptures we are told that before the Fall, Adam and Eve walked with God in the cool of the evenings. His namesake, too, walked with God his entire life. A man of deep faith, as a fifth grade student at Ss. Peter & Paul Catholic boarding school in Fallon, he resolved to live as if "the most important thing in life is to save your soul." He was the head of the family, leading us in prayer and the acceptance of God's will. He was often heard to say that we have to accept what God sends us! His mother's teaching: 'pray three Hail Mary's every night to know your vocation' was carried out by his children, at meals together, three times a day, every day. He lived his faith quietly; how many times did he answer the neighbor's call for help, troubleshooting electrical problems at any hour of the day or night? How did they work it out to share the purchase of farm machinery and the work load with neighbors? He was happy also to use his welding skills for neighboring farmers and ranchers.

Many a cold winter noon or late afternoon he could be seen standing in the narrow entryway of the house swinging his arms and legs



by turn, trying to restore feeling after coming in from below-zero temperatures caring for his cattle. A master at making ice cream, Dad taught his family that and much more in a quiet way. He taught us how to love our spouses. He taught us how to care for our children and grandchildren. He taught us to drive Chevys and tractors. He taught us how to play Gin Rummy. He taught us to persevere in whatever task was set before us. "My dad can do anything!" That was the mantra of at least one daughter, but the conviction of all his children and grandchildren. Dad was always learning something new; always tinkering with machines and motors; he was always looking for ways to improve his equipment and tools.

Remember Dad's hands? They were huge! They were softer now in the last years; he didn't need, any longer, to soak in Epsom Salts all those cuts and bruises acquired "all in a days' work." These hands could cradle a grandchild and fix a fence, milk a cow and handle a mouse (both kinds) with ease and practiced know-how. Dad also extended his hands to receive his Eucharistic King and fingered the beads of a Rosary daily. May he soon walk with God for all eternity!

Adam is survived by his children Kathy (Lloyd) Zimmerman, Mott; Sister Jean Louise Schafer, OSF, Rugby/Hankinson; David (Lorraine) Schafer, Eden Prairie, MN; Rev. Dennis Schafer, Flasher; Bill (fiancée, Suzann Keller, of Bismarck) Schafer, Lincoln; Randy (Darla) Schafer, Flasher; Bernie (Colleene) Schafer, Bismarck; Linda (Steven) Seehafer, Drake, and daughter-in-law, Kim Schafer, Bismarck, ND.

Grandchildren include: Brian (Rebecca) Zimmerman, Ben (Farah) Zimmerman, Jill Zimmerman, Daniel (Nicole) Schafer, Teresa Schafer, Michael (Rossana Rosa) Schafer, Weston (Kristin) Schafer, Kayla (Palmer) Henke, Jake (Ashley) Schafer, Levi Schafer, Jessica (Eric) Salwei, Samantha Seehafer, Sydney Seehafer, Cole (Stephanie) Schafer and Megan Schafer. Great-grandchildren include: Adam Zimmerman; Helen, Ryland & Ruth Schafer, Olivia Rosa-Schafer; Noah & Leah Henke; and Eleanor & Harper Salwei.

Adam will be deeply missed by his children, grand & great-grandchildren; siblings, Mary Frank, Margie (Andy) Schweitzer, Jeanie (Matt) Kraft, and John, all Bismarck, and Jim (Marie) Fort Myers, FL; sister-in-law, Clara Schafer, and brother-in-law, Laurence Engelman, both Bismarck; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Adam was preceded in death by his parents, his wife, Helen; son, Ron; 2 infant sons; his sister Sister Charlene Schafer S.Sp.S.; brothers, Leo, Otto, Pete (Vivian), Richard (Gavis), sisters-in-law, Ardys Schafer, Marie Krebs and Ruby Engelman and brothers-in-law, John Krebs and Anthony Frank.

The family is very grateful for the wonderful care Adam received at both Edgewood Assisted Living in Mandan and Jacobson Memorial Care Center in Elgin. In lieu of flowers memorials may be sent to St. Lawrence Parish, 421 Court Street, Flasher, ND, 58535.



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