



CLOSE THE GATE (FOR DAD)

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.

CELEBRATING THE LIFE OF



LEO G. WELLIK

May 6, 1934 – October 15, 2022

Leo G. Wellik, 88, of Garner, died Saturday, October 15, 2022, at MercyOne North Iowa Medical Center in Mason City.

Leo George Wellik, the son of Jilji and Agnes (Malek) Wellik, was born May 6, 1934. He was baptized and confirmed at St. Wenceslaus Catholic Church in Duncan. Leo attended the rural schools of Liberty Township, Hancock County. After school he worked for several farmers in the Duncan area and did carpentry work for local contractors including his brother. Leo served his country in the U.S. Army during the Korean Conflict from February of 1956 to February of 1958. He received his GED while in the service and achieved the rank of Sergeant. Upon his honorable discharge and returning home he served in the Garner Artillery Unit and attained the rank of Sgt. 1st Class (E7) before retiring and fulfilling his reserve obligation. On June 5, 1962, he married Gert Jakoubek at St. Wenceslaus Catholic Church. They farmed south of Duncan until 1967 when they moved to the Jakoubek farm north of Duncan. Leo fed cattle over the years and was awarded Beef Producer of the Year for Winnebago and Hancock Counties in 2000. He also ran a small cow/calf herd and enjoyed this the most when his grandchildren showed homebred calves at the county fair that he had raised. In 1993 Leo and Gert moved into Garner and Tom and Darsi took over the farm. Leo enjoyed his family, grandchildren, going to the Beef Expo in Des Moines, fishing trips to Canada, South Dakota and Minnesota and working at the Duncan Hall. Leo loved dancing and polka music and was very proud of his garden. He will always be remembered as a friend to all.

Leo was a lifetime member of St. Wenceslaus Catholic Church where he was an usher and served on the church board for eight years. He also was a Garfield Township Trustee and member of the Eagles Club in Albert Lea for a number of years.

Leo is survived by his wife, Gert; son, Tom (Darsi) Wellik of Garner; daughter, Connie (Craig) Young of Cedar Falls; grandchildren, Justin (Monica) Wellik and their children, Luke, Gavin and Leah, Jordan (Jessica) Wellik and their children, Audrey and Owen, Jenna (Josh) Eisenman and their children, Jack, Tate and Andi, Hannah Wellik, Abby Young and Mitch Young; three brothers, Clarence (Mary Ann) Wellik of Forest City, Melvin (Dawn) Wellik of Britt and Maynard (Jane) Wellik of West Des Moines; and many nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents and great-grandson, Noah Eisenman.

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FUNERAL MASS

St. Wenceslaus Catholic Church
Duncan, Iowa
10:30 a.m., Wednesday, October 19, 2022

CELEBRANT

Rev. Fr. Andrew Marr

LECTOR

Jacki Young

MUSIC

Mallory Hartwig, Pianist
Louise Zrostlik, Cantor
St. Wenceslaus Choir

USHER

Francis Oborny

CASKET BEARERS

Justin Wellik	Jordan Wellik
Josh Eisenman	Mitch Young
Bernie Formanek	Brent Wellik

MILITARY RITES

Garner Veterans Ceremonial Unit

BURIAL

St. John's Catholic Cemetery
Duncan, Iowa

All are invited to join the family for a time of fellowship and a luncheon in the church basement immediately following the committal service.

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FUNERAL HOMES