



Freddie “Fred” Donald Havelaar was born at home in Lincoln County, on his parent’s farm west of Hudson, South Dakota. Fred was born on January 7, 1949, to Case and Dorothy (George) Havelaar. He attended school at West Branch Country School from 1st grade to the 6th grade, and then Junior High in town and 9th grade at Hudson High School.

Fred then started working as a hired hand on the farm for Merle Admundson and Dick Sogn and various other neighbors.

He was drafted into the United States Army, being inducted January 22, 1969. Fred served in the Vietnam War and was honorably discharged January 21, 1971. He received many medals for his service including the Silver Star, Bronze Star, Purple Heart, Republic of Vietnam Combat Medal, and the Combat Infantry Badge.

When Fred returned home after doing his tour in Vietnam, he went back to working as a hired hand, on the farm Fred started farming with his dad in 1976, west and north of Hudson. Fred enjoyed working the land by disking, dragging, planting the corn and beans, and watching them grow, and enjoyed combining in the fall when the crops were ready. Fred liked to tend to his livestock and raising the baby calves. When he was able, Fred liked to go to farm auctions.

He was a member of the Bergstrom Bodeen American Legion Post 128 of Hudson. Fred passed away on Sunday, December 17, 2023 at the Tieszen Memorial Home in Marion, South Dakota at the age of 74 years.

He is survived by four brothers, John Havelaar of Marion, South Dakota, Edward “Pete” Havelaar of Rockford, Illinois, Bill Havelaar of Hudson, and Casey Havelaar and wife Cindy also of Hudson; a sister, Ann Brown of Lennox, South Dakota; 9 nephews; 2 nieces, many great nephews, great nieces, and cousins.

Fred was preceded in death by his parents, Case and Dorothy Havelaar; and 2 brothers, James Havelaar of Hudson and Henry “Hank” Havelaar of Sioux Falls, South Dakota.

In Loving Memory Of
Fred Donald Havelaar

FUNERAL SERVICE

1:30 p.m. Friday, December 22, 2023
Porter Funeral Home
Hudson, South Dakota

OFFICIATING

Pastor Carolyn Salberg

SPECIAL MUSIC

“What A Friend We Have In Jesus” Alan Jackson
“Amazing Grace” Alan Jackson

CASKET BEARERS

Danny Boyer ~ Ron Roskeland
David Koopsma ~ Don Koopsma
Paul Twedt ~ Mike Vande More

MILITARY SERVICE

Bergstrom Bodeen American Legion Post 128 of Hudson
South Dakota Army Honor Guard

INTERMENT

Eden Cemetery
Hudson, South Dakota

*Please join Fred’s family for refreshments
and fellowship at the funeral home
following the committal service.*