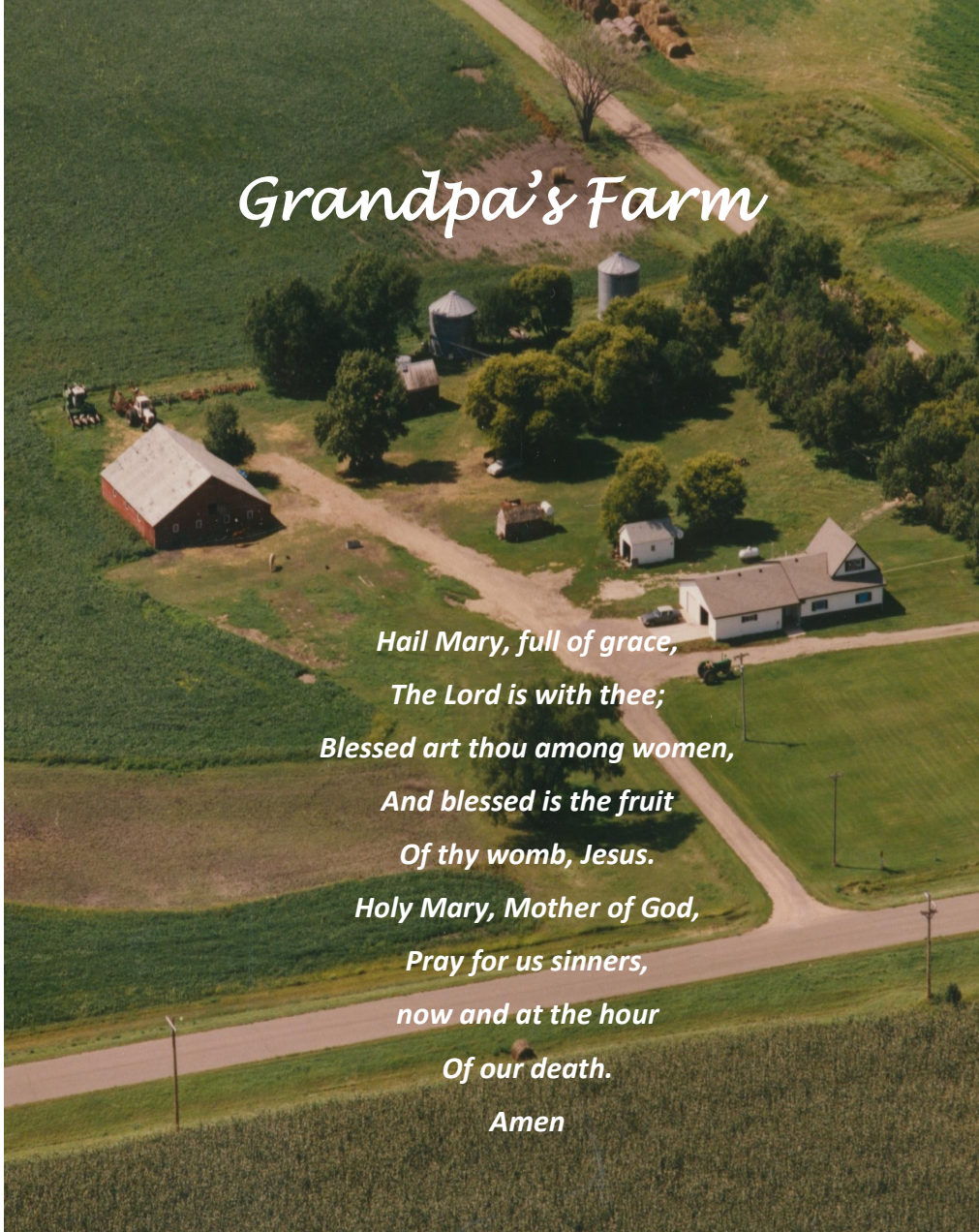
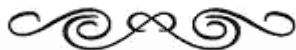




Grandpa's Farm

*Hail Mary, full of grace,
The Lord is with thee;
Blessed art thou among women,
And blessed is the fruit
Of thy womb, Jesus.
Holy Mary, Mother of God,
Pray for us sinners,
now and at the hour
Of our death.
Amen*


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Jim Stemwedel, age 82, Florence, died at his home with family by his side on Friday, October 18, 2019.

He was born James Leigh Stemwedel on February 24, 1937, at home during a blizzard. A snowplow went in front of the Doctors car coming to Florence and going back to Watertown. Jim, as he became known, was the son of Willard and Eileen (Coyle) Stemwedel. He attended school at Florence and graduated from Florence High School in 1956. Jim sold cars in Watertown for a couple of years and then moved to the State of Washington with Woody Sumner and worked at Boeing Aircraft for 2 years. Farming and working the land was born in Jim's blood. He farmed until health forced his retirement in 2017.

Not only did Jim work the land, but he also sold seed for many years. He worked at Tvisco Milling Company for 14 years and was a member of the Federation of Grain Millers.

On September 19, 1970, he was united in marriage to Josephine McInerney. The couple lived their entire married life near Florence. During the year 1970, he worked for Doughboy feeds, then Dean Specialty & Supply of Waseca, MN. Jim also was a salesman for McFleeg Animal Feeds of Watertown, selling the area Hutterite Colonies. His first love though was farming, and was challenged with cancer in 2012. He overcame that bout of cancer, continued farming, until the cancer returned in 2017. He retired from farming but remained living on the farming while his family farmed the land.

He was a member of the Blessed Sacrament Church in Florence his entire life. In his free moments, he enjoyed in younger years, playing baseball as a catcher and basketball as a guard. He played softball with Roger Paulson as the pitcher and himself as the catcher. Jim thoroughly loved watching baseball on TV.

Preceding him in death were his parents, brothers, Richard C., Gerald, Willard C (Bill) and wife Marlene, and Bill Jr. Stemwedel, and a brother-in-law, Roger Paulson.

Survivors include his wife Josephine of Florence and sons, Richard (Roseanne) of Florence, and Mark Stemwedel of Sioux Falls; 3 grandchildren, Madison, Austin, and Conner; 3 step-grandchildren and many nieces and nephews. Also surviving are his siblings, Joan Paulson, Brian (Dolores) Stemwedel, and Sheila (Gene) Borns.

Jim will be remembered for his love of farming and always willing to help his neighbors.



Celebrating the Life of Jim Stemwedel



Mass of Christian Burial

Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church

Florence, South Dakota

Thursday, October 24, 2019

10:30 AM

Celebrant

The Reverend Daniel Smith

Music

Organist—Helen Gollnick

Song Leader/Special Music—LeeAnn Maag

Casket Bearers

Mike and Jim Borns

Bob and Dick Paulson

Brian J Stemwedel

Interment

Esterly Cemetery

Florence, South Dakota



Following the services, please join the family for a lite lunch
& a time of fellowship in the Florence Community Center
after the interment.



The family of Jim Stemwedel thanks you for your presence here today,
for your thoughts, prayers, and other acts of kindness shown to them.