

## A Farmer's Prayers

Lord, bless this land you've given me  
and may I always know,  
as I tend each crop and critter  
You're the One who helps them grow.

Grant me the strength and wisdom  
Please protect me from all harm.

And thank you, Lord  
For your gracious gift ~

The blessing of my farm.



## *In Loving Memory*



Melvin Wagner

January 3, 1933 — January 31, 2024

Melvin Donald Wagner was born January 3, 1933, to George and Pauline Wagner, on the family farm near Wolsey. He attended grade school in a one room school, then Huron High School for one year, and then Wolsey High School where he graduated in 1951.

In 1952, he joined the United States Air Force and was stationed at several locations in the United States. While in Arizona he met Janice Heck of Urbana, Ohio. On December 22, 1955, Melvin and Janice were married in the Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church in Glendale, Arizona. Melvin was honorably discharged in 1956.

The young couple returned to South Dakota to farm at several locations before settling 2 ½ miles north of the George Wagner family farm in 1958. In 1968 when his parents retired, Melvin and Janice bought and moved to the family farm. Melvin farmed up until his death.

Melvin was baptized, confirmed, and remained an active member of the St. John's Lutheran Church in Wolsey. He was also a member of the Hershman Gordan American Legion Post #59 in Wolsey.

He was preceded in death by one son, Steven Donald Wagner; his parents, George and Pauline Wagner; one brother, Doane Wagner; and one brother-in-law, Ken Rand.

Grateful for having shared in his life are his wife of 68 years, Janice of Wolsey; five children, Ellen (Gerry) Karpen of Sherman, Beth Schiltz of Pierre, Donna (Ted) Bartel, Wolsey, Donald Wagner of Huron and Douglas Wagner of Huron; nine grandchildren, Erin (Brandon) Kruse, Dylan (Kalie) Schiltz, Tully Bartel, Torria (Jason) Howard, Jessica Anderson, Patrick (Kimberly) Bartel, Joshua (Amanda) Bartel, Elie Crandell and Jonathan Wagner; 14 great-grandchildren with 2 more on the way; one sister, Marcene Rand of Phoenix, Arizona; one brother, Jim (Peg) Wagner of Cottonwood, Arizona; one sister-in-law, Charlotte Pietrantone of Columbia, South Carolina; and several nieces and nephews.

### ***Funeral Service***

Monday, February 5, 2024

11:00 AM

St. John's Lutheran Church

Wolsey, South Dakota

### ***Officiant***

Rev. Scott Spiehs

### ***Music***

Brenda Sievers — Organist

- Congregational Hymns -

*I Know My Redeemer Lives*

*Jesus Lives! The Victory's Won*

### ***Casket Bearers***

Melvin's Grandchildren

### ***Interment***

St. John's Lutheran Church Cemetery

Wolsey, South Dakota

### ***Military Honors***

Hershman-Gordon American Legion Post #59

Wolsey, South Dakota

Kuhler Funeral Home, Huron, South Dakota