

The Harvester....

What kind of man is he?

Proud, independent, full of the desire to live life to its fullest.

Willing to travel hundreds of miles from home, many times to desolate, lonely and sometimes unfriendly surroundings.

The kind of man who values his family, nearly always taking them along and including them in every aspect of his work.

With the patience of JOB... the harvester depends not only on his family, but on Mother Nature and especially upon GOD.

Unlike his counterpart, the farmer, who for only a few days experiences the excitement of those monstrous machines stripping the golden grain from its head, the harvester knows this excitement most every day for six months out of the year.

Up early and to bed late seems like old hat to the harvester.

Times have changed since those early days of custom harvesting, but the MAN... he will forever be the same... Proud and Free.

In Loving Memory



Paul M. Hofer

June 28, 1931 — December 31, 2022

Funeral Service

Thursday, January 5, 2023

10:30 AM

Emmanuel Mennonite Church

Doland, South Dakota

Officiant

Rev. Gordon Wiebe

Music

Twila Gross — Pianist

- Congregational Hymns -

How Great Thou Art

Oh What A Savior

Beyond The Sunset

Victory In Jesus

Casket Bearers

Nikolas Hofer

Bryant Hofer

Mikel Hofer

Garrett Hofer

Jonathan Schied

Gary Tschetter

Honorary Casket Bearers

Brittnay Casetta

Tara Hofer

Matthew Hofer

Anthony Schied

Benjamin Schied

Adam Schied

Interment

Emmanuel Mennonite Church Cemetery

Doland, South Dakota

Kuhler Funeral Home, Huron, South Dakota

Paul Marvin Hofer was born on June 28, 1931, in Fairfield Township, Beadle County, South Dakota, the son of John J.B. and Katherine (Kleinsasser) Hofer. At the age of four, his family moved to a home on the north edge of Dolton, South Dakota, where he attended school through the eighth grade. When he was 12 years old, upon confession of his faith in Jesus Christ, he was baptized by his uncle Reverend Jacob B. Hofer and became a member of Hutterthal Mennonite Church, rural Freeman. His high school years were spent at Freeman Academy where he graduated with the Class of 1949. After one year of college in Freeman, he received his teaching certification and taught rural school for three years in the Freeman area.

On June 21, 1953, Paul married LuAnn Norma Hofer of Doland, South Dakota, at Hutterthal Mennonite Church rural Freeman. Paul and LuAnn made their home in Denver, Colorado for two years while Paul fulfilled his alternative service at Mercy Hospital.

In 1955, Paul and LuAnn moved back to South Dakota and began his farming career. For many years he operated a custom harvesting operation building many lasting friendships with his customers.

Paul was an active member of Emmanuel Mennonite Church, rural Doland, where he served in various capacities including Sunday School teacher, church board and sang in the choir. He served on the township board at the local and state level, was a member of the U.S. Custom Harvesters Association and a member of Gideons International. For 16 years, Paul and LuAnn enjoyed wintering in Edinburg, Texas, serving as volunteer winter workers at Rio Grande Bible College.

He was preceded in death by his parents, John and Katherine; father-in-law and mother-in-law, Enoch and Nora Hofer; his siblings, Katherine (Bob) Megard, John (Gladys) Hofer, Arnold Hofer, Theodore Hofer and Samuel (Joyce) Hofer; and many other relatives and friends.

Left to cherish his memory are his wife of nearly 70 years, LuAnn Hofer of Doland; his children, Stuart (Ranae) Hofer of Rapid City, Perry Hofer of Doland, Kevin Hofer (Jane Coats) of Doland, Gayle (Gerald) Schied of Huron and Doyle Hofer of Owatonna, Minnesota; his grandchildren, Garrett (Sara) Hofer of Sioux Falls, Brittnay (Alex) Casetta of Greeley, Colorado, Tara (Evan McPhail) Hofer of Papillion, Nebraska, Nikolas (Amy) Hofer of Doland, Bryant Hofer of Doland, Mikel (Jackie) Hofer of Doland, Matthew Hofer of Doland, Jonathan Schied (Melissa Pell) of Huron, Anthony Schied (Kaycee Sorenson) of Huron, Benjamin Schied (Elizabeth Murphree) of Huron and Adam Schied (Nikki Swartz) of Huron; 13 great-grandchildren; one sister-in-law, Naomi Hofer of Marion; and several nieces and nephews and other relatives and friends.