Roman C. Daniel was born June 13, 1916 on the farm in Wheelock Township, the son of Joseph H. and Rose (Kiffmeyer) Daniel. He was raised on the farm NW of Ray and educated in the Ray School system. He began farming with his family and brothers at an early age and eventually went on his own. During the war years, Roman was skipped over and stayed home on the farm helping his father. Because of this, his good friends who served in WWII nicknamed Roman “Skippy”, a name he knew when greeted by his closest friends for these many years.

Roman was united in marriage to Ardell Nyberg at the Catholic parsonage in Ray, ND on October 29, 1941. To this union of nearly 65 years three children were born. Roman and Ardell were an inspiration to many for their love of faith, marriage, family, and farming. Together they raised their children and farmed and cared for the land, raising small grains. In 1951, Roman also began Roman C. Daniel Excavating, a business that served the immediate area for many years with all kinds of excavating projects. He served the needs of many as the area gravedigger, a task that was honorable, but not always enjoyable, as Roman knew to whom the grave would belong.

Roman was proud of his roots and his home of Ray, ND and served in many church, civic and economic development roles in the community. He served on the boards of the Federal Land Bank, later Farm Credit Services. He was a devoted Farmers Union member and past president of the Williams County Farmers Union and director with North Dakota State Farmers Union, past president of Ray Farmers Union Elevator and Farmers Union Oil Company. He was active in the development of the Ray Mini-Mall and Ray Housing Board, Wheelock Township Board, and Councilman at St. Michael’s Catholic Church. He was recently recognized for 55 years and charter member of Ray Lions Club and one knew, without a doubt, on which side of the legislative aisle you would find Roman and Ardell, proud NPL members. Williston Woodworkers was a formal setting for a hobby Roman enjoyed for years, making gifts—a plenty of wood for family and friends.

Roman was widowed on April 19, 2006, when Ardell went to be with her Lord and on January 10, 2008, Roman and Ardell joined their hands again in their eternal home. His earthly life ended at the Tioga Nursing Home where he received excellent care from the staff and the constant care of his family.

Roman is survived by his daughters and their families, Carolyn Perdue of Ray, ND, Darlene and Dan Devlin, of Bristow, VA, Beverly and Irving Aslakson, of Lakeville, MN; five grandchildren, Steve and Bernadette Perdue, Julie and Brent Lysne, Michelle and Larry Oswald, Dan and Tara Devlin, Jr., Rob and Lara Devlin; twelve great grandchildren, Megan, Matt, Kendra and Kelsey Perdue, Brady, Emily and Jocelyn Lysne, Hailee, Madison, and Paige Oswald and Reilly and Elli Devlin; two brothers, Cecil Daniel, of Williston, ND and Francis Daniel, of Eagan, MN; two sisters, Sara Barstad, of Tioga, ND and Dorothy Mae Baker, of Calloway, MN; sisters-in-law, Avis Daniel, of Ray, ND, Verna Daniel, of Williston, ND, Leone Ohnstad of Clancy, MT; and several nieces and nephews.

His parents; wife, Ardell; 2 brothers, Art and Edmund; one sister Martha; and several brothers and sisters-in-law preceded him in death.
Servant of God well done.
Rest from thy loved employ.
The battle fought, the victory won
Enter thy Master’s joy.
The pain of death is past
Labor and sorrow cease
And life’s long warfare closed at last
The soul is found in peace.

IN MEMORY OF
ROMAN C. DANIEL
DATE AND PLACE OF BIRTH
June 13, 1916
Wheelock Township, North Dakota
DATE AND PLACE OF DEATH
January 10, 2008
Tioga, North Dakota
FUNERAL SERVICE
10:00 AM, Tuesday, January 15, 2008
St. Michael’s Catholic Church
Ray, North Dakota
CLERGY
Fr. John Paul Gardner
MUSICIANS
Eileen Solberg ~ Accompanist
Megan Perdue ~ Soloist
EULOGIST
F. Bernard Daniel III
CASKETBEARERS
Troy Kupper                                         Don Suhr
Keith Daniel                                     Tom Daniel
Dave Anderson                         Dorvan Solberg
Dan Devlin Jr.                                   Rob Devlin
HONORARY CASKETBEARERS
Ray Lions Club
Farmers Union Friends
INTERMENT
St. Michael’s Cemetery
ARRANGEMENTS
FULKERSON FUNERAL HOME
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