

My Farm

My farm, to me, is not just land,
Where bare, unpainted buildings stand,
To me, my farm is nothing less,
Than all created loveliness.

My farm is not where I must soil
My hands in endless, dreary toil,
But where, through seed and swelling pod,
I've learned to walk and talk with God.

My farm, to me, is not a place
Outmoded by a modern race.
For here, I think I just see less
Of evil, greed, and selfishness.

My farm's not lonely ... for all day
I hear my children shout at play.
And here, when age comes, free from fears,
I'll live again, long joyous years.

My farm's a haven ... here dwells rest,
Security and happiness ...
What e're befalls the world outside
Here faith, and hope, and love abide.

And so my farm is not just land
Where bare, unpainted buildings stand.
To me, my farm is nothing less
Than all God's hoarded loveliness.



Raymond Edward, affectionately known as "Pappy" to his friends and family, was born on December 29, 1937 to Norman and Nora (McLaughlin) Papineau in Alexander, North Dakota. He attended a country school in McKenzie County and graduated from Alexander High School in 1956. During his senior year he scored a record breaking 40 points at a district basketball tournament.

He was united in marriage to Clara Patterson on June 17, 1959 at the 1st Lutheran Church in Watford City, North Dakota. Together they would enjoy almost 58 years of marriage working side by side raising cattle and farming

Raymond worked as a truck driver for the oilfield and Midwest Motor Express for twenty years; before retiring and beginning his true passion for ranching and farming. In the early 1970's they purchased their own farm and moved west of Williston. He loved being his own "BOSS" and attributed his strong work ethic to the days of being a farm hand for the Tjeldes.

His idea of a vacation was going to Canada to attend bull sales and slipping in a fishing trip while there. He was a fan of the Minnesota Twins and Vikings. Raymond had many interests that were at the heart of being a true rancher and farmer: attending auction sales, participating in wagon trains, listening to country western music and enjoying a waltz with his wife. In his spare time you could find him sharing a cup of coffee with friends and family around his kitchen table.

While on the farm Raymond was involved with many community activities including being a member of the Judson Township board, Culbertson Saddle Club and Lewis & Clark Irrigation board. He remained on his farm as long as he could and then moved into the Bethel Lutheran Nursing Home in Williston. The family would like to thank all for their wonderful care givers and friends at Bethel Home.

Raymond leaves behind his wife Clara, four children: Dale Papineau (Williston, ND), Dianne (Tyler) Goodman (Williston, ND), Alberta (Todd) Parisien (Williston, ND) and Rita (LeRoy) Loomer (Watford City, ND), three grandsons: Bryce Parisien, Tyler Goodman and Chance Papineau, brothers: Leo Papineau (Minot, ND) Russell (Ethyl) Papineau (Tioga, ND) and Dennis (Ella) Papineau (Williston, ND), sister: Doris (Andy) Desjarlais (Williston), sister-in-law: Donnie Papineau (Albuquerque, NM) and numerous nieces, nephews and cousins.

He was preceded in death by his parents, brothers: Donald, Duane, Archibald and Kenny, and sister-in-law: Katie Papineau.



In Loving Memory Of

Raymond Edward Papineau
December 29, 1937 - April 23, 2017





In Loving Memory *Raymond E. Papineau*



Born to Norman & Norma Papineau
December 29, 1937 ~ Alexander, North Dakota

Date & Place of Death
April 23, 2017 ~ Williston, North Dakota

Funeral Service
2:30 pm, Saturday, April 29, 2017
Gloria Dei Lutheran Church
Williston, North Dakota

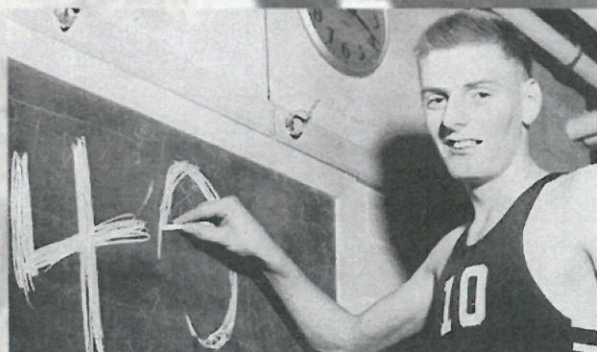
Officiating
Pastor David Maxfield

Music
Sandi Blikre ~ Accompanist

Honorary Pallbearers

Tyler Goodman II	Tyler Goodman III
Todd Parisien	Bryce Parisien
Dale Tjelde	Lee Tjelde
Chance Papineau	LeRoy Loomer

Final Resting Place
Riverview Cemetery ~ Williston, North Dakota
Fulkerson Stevenson Funeral Home - Williston, ND
has been entrusted with arrangements.



"Pappy" record breaking 40 points