And on the 8th day God looked down on his planned paradise & said "I need a caretaker." — so God made a FARMER



IN LOVING MEMORY FREDERICK ALAN BIERI

BORN TO FREDERICK & AGNES BIERI August 11, 1931 ~ Minot, North Dakota

RETURNED TO HIS HEAVENLY FATHER July 24, 2020 ~ Stanley, North Dakota

FUNERAL MASS Wednesday, July 29, 2020, 2:00 PM Queen of the Most Holy Rosary Catholic Church Stanley, North Dakota

> **OFFICIATING** Father Jason Signalness

MUSIC "Old Rugged Cross"

SPECIAL MUSIC "Jesus Loves Me" Noah, Macy, Miranda & Lizzy Bieri

"Song of Farewell" & "On Eagles Wings" Anika Leith

> ALTAR SERVERS Chris and Caysn Bieri

READERS Carrisa Bieri Kelcie Ryland

READINGS Wisdom 4: 7-15 Philippines 3:20-21

PALLBEARERS

Christopher Bieri Derek Bieri Sean Bieri Michael Bieri Fred Bieri Thomas Bieri Noah Bieri Ryan Pierson

HONORARY PALLBEARERS All of Alan's Family & Friends

FINAL RESTING PLACE Blaisdell Cemetery ~ Blaisdell, North Dakota

ARRANGEMENTS BY Springan Stevenson Funeral Home Stanley, North Dakota



In Loving Memory Of

ALAN BIERI AUGUST 11, 1931 - JULY 24, 2020



Frederick Alan Bieri, 88 of Stanley passed away at home on July 24, 2020.

Alan, the oldest of 4 children, was born August 11, 1931 in Minot to Frederick and Agnes (Myregard) Bieri. He lived in Blaisdell until moving to the farm north of Blaisdell when he was 6 years old. He attended grade school in Blaisdell and high school in Palermo. Alan worked on the rock crusher at Blaisdell for 2 years, construction for a time and then in the oil fields.

Alan married Rosemarie Goettle January 23, 1952 at the Rectory in Stanley. They first lived in Ray while Alan worked in the oilfield and they welcomed their oldest son Eugene. Two years later they welcomed their oldest daughter Fay. In the spring of 1957, they moved to the family farm where Alan farmed with his father until Fred's death in 1965. It was at this time he took over the family farm/ranch operation. Rosemarie and Alan also added 3 morë children Renae, Michael and Freddie.

After retiring in 1996 from farming and ranching, Alan served as a local mail carrier, drove truck for Hanson's Excavating, and hauled cattle for area ranchers. In 2016, they moved to Stanley where he resided and spent hours in his workshop making too many Santas!

Alan was a long time member of the Blaisdell Rodeo Club. He served on the McGahan Township Board, the school board and was a 4-H leader.

Alan loved to farm, enjoyed woodworking, playing cards and having a good laugh with neighbors and friends.

He enjoyed life and loved his family. He can be best described by the words of one of his grandchildren,

"We were fortunate to call you grandpa. You always made chasing cows fun (with a bit of hang on for dear life). We loved listening to you tell stories around the farmhouse table, and watching and learning your woodworking skills. We will always remember watching you twist your hair around your finger and letting the girls comb your hair. (You had the best hair!) We enjoyed your quick wit, and all of the nicknames you gave everyone. Our hearts have been broken, but they are hearts that were loved!"

Alan is survived by his wife, Rosemarie of 68 years; daughters, Fay (Butch) Lemke of Barnesville, MN and Renae (Jeff) Nordgaard of Bismarck, ND; sons, Michael (Kim) Bieri of Fayetteville, TN, and Fred (Donna) Bieri of Dodge, ND; sister, Bonnie (Rev. Morris) Vaageness of North Heights, MN; 12 grandchildren; Christopher Bieri, Stanley ND, Derek Bieri, Minneapolis, MN, Sean Bieri, Rapid City, SD, Angela Pierson, Moorhead, MN, Ryan Pierson, Fargo, ND, Kristen Bentley, Merdianville, AL, Kelcie Ryland, Tuscaloosa, AL, Tommy Bieri, Blaisdell, ND, Noah Bieri, Macy Bieri, Miranda Bieri, and Lizzy Bieri all of Dodge, ND. Four step grandchildren: Carson Nordgaard, Bismarck, ND, Ivy Nordgaard, Bismarck ND, Michael Lemke, Moorhead, MN and Summer Hammond, West Fargo, ND. He is also survived by 15 great-grandchildren, 4 step greatgrandchildren, several nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents, Frederick and Agnes Bieri; son, Eugene Bieri; twin granddaughters, Abby and Libby Bieri; brother, Marlon (Bud) Bieri and sister, Sandra Sweningson.

