

They BURIED A *Farmer* TODAY.

GAVE HIM BACK TO THE DIRT FROM WHICH HE CAME.
HIS *family & neighbors* WALKED BY,
LOOKING AT MEMORIES OF A *simple man's* LIFE.
A TABLE OF PHOTOS, TOY TRACTORS AND CARDS,
Telling the story OF LIFE ON THE FARM.
THERE ARE THE OVERALLS HE WORE EVERY DAY,
EXCEPT ON SUNDAY, WHEN HE BOWED HIS HEAD TO PRAY.
ALL THINGS THAT KEPT HIM *close to his roots*.
THERE ARE *photos of his children and grandchildren* TOO,
AND HE AND HIS WIFE, THERE ARE MORE THAN A FEW.
THE *smiles* BETRAY THE HARD TIMES THAT HE FACED,
THE WORRIES AND FEARS, THE PROFITS ERASED.
BY WEATHER AND MARKETS, OUT OF HIS HANDS;
IN THE END, *all he really had was his land*.
THE SOIL, THE CROPS, AND EVEN THE WEEDS,
TO HIS WAY OF THINKING, THAT'S ALL HE WOULD NEED,
TO *take care of his family*, AND HELP THEM STAY SAFE,
FROM A FASTER-PACED WORLD, NOT TOO FAR AWAY.
A GOOD LIFE, *a simple life*, THAT'S WHAT HE LED,
HE'D STRUGGLED LIKE MOST, BUT CAME OUT AHEAD.
He enjoyed his last years, MADE SURE THAT HE THANKED,
THE GOOD LORD ABOVE FOR HIS LIFE, AND HIS LAND.
HIS TIME ENDED QUICKLY, HIS LOVED ONES IN TEARS,
HOPING HE KNEW *what he meant to them all the years*.
TODAY THEY GATHER, TO REMEMBER AND PRAY,
ABOUT *a simple man they loved*,
WHO WAS THERE EVERY DAY.
AS THEY STAND ON A SLOPE, NOT FAR FROM HIS LAND.
THE SERVICE NOW OVER, THEY LEAVE HIM ALONE,
KNOWING SOMEDAY, *he'll greet them once more*.
A DUST CLOUD FORMS AS THE TRUCKS DRIVE AWAY.

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In Loving Memory Of Lester Larson, Jr.

**Born to Mary Christine (Losse)
and Lester Larson, Sr.**

February 18, 1947 ~ Williston, North Dakota

Passed Away

December 1, 2022 ~ Chillicothe, Ohio

Funeral Services

Sunday, December 11, 2022 at 2:00 pm
Richland County Event Center ~ Sidney, Montana

Officiating

Pastor Dustin Morgan

Luncheon

Sunday, December 11, 2022 at 4:00 pm
Buford Trenton Township Hall
Buford, North Dakota

Visitation

Saturday, December 10, 2022 from 12:00-4:00 pm
Fulkerson Stevenson Memorial Chapel ~ Sidney, MT

Casketbearers

Calvin Vannett Christopher Torgerson
Milo Sweet Ken Gardner
Richard Koon Christopher Paynter

Honorary Casketbearers

The Fine Men and Boys Lester Was Proud
to Call His Grand and Great- Grandsons

Ushers

David Hoffman Rodger Bearce

Final Resting Place

Buford Township Cemetery ~ Buford, North Dakota

Arrangements By

Fulkerson Stevenson Funeral Home ~ Sidney, MT



Remembering
T H E L I F E O F

Lester Larson, Jr.

February 18, 1947 - December 1, 2022



Lester Gordon Larson Jr. was born to Mary Christine (Losse) and Lester G. Larson Sr. on February 18, 1947, in Williston, ND. When Junior was a toddler, his parents moved their family from Grenora, ND to a farm on the

Buford Trenton Irrigation Project in Trenton Township.

Lester Jr. attended Trenton School in Trenton, ND, where he participated in band, basketball, and track. He graduated from Trenton High School in 1964 as the class valedictorian. He was also a member of the Happy Valley 4H Chapter and participated in little league baseball.

When he wasn't participating in these activities, Lester Jr. could be found at the Family Farm doing chores for his parents. He and his brother Edward milked cows, put up hay, and irrigated the crops.

In 1972 Lester married the love of his life, Patricia Ann at Gloria Dei Lutheran Church in Williston, ND. They made their home in Buford, ND where they raised their children: Cynthia, Calvin, Kathy, Suzzanne, Rebekah, and Savannah.

Lester farmed the Buford Bottoms until 2010 and

resided in the Buford Community until Pat's passing in 2015. After the loss, Lester moved to Lambert, MT with his daughters Suzzanne and Rebekah and in 2016 he again moved back to his roots in Grenora, ND with Rebekah. When Rebekah's family moved away, he spent his time between Suzzanne and Savannah's as well as The Lodge in Sidney. For the last two years Lester resided with Rebekah and her family in Chillicothe, Ohio. There he was able to check off a long-time bucket list item of attending the John Deere Classic Tractor Show in Columbus.

Lester passed away on Thursday, December 1, 2022, at the Signature Healthcare, Chillicothe, Ohio.

Lester is survived by daughters Suzzanne (Christopher) Torgerson of Lambert, MT, Rebekah (Richard) Koon of Chillicothe, OH, Savannah (Christopher) Paynter of Sidney, MT, Cynthia (Ken) Gardner of Trenton, ND, Kathy (Milo) Sweet of Norwich, ND, son Calvin (Barbara



-Anne) Vannett of Williston, ND; twenty four grandchildren: Christi (Chuck) Huber, Kimberly Tamez, Matthew Gardner, Jonathan (Rachel) Vannett, Aaron Vannett, Adam Vannett, Isaiah Vannett, Gabriel Vannett, Tyrel (Britnee) Sweet, Jordan (Justine) Sweet, Bradi (Brandon) Kittleson, Samantha (Michael) Bear, Timothy Wright, Jacalyn Wright, Kyson Koon, Kaitee Koon, Korby Koon, Kaden Koon, Kenleigh Koon, Kodi Koon, Kaycee Koon, Espyn Paynter, Jazmyn Paynter, Raidyn Paynter; nineteen great grandchildren: Aliyah Osborn, Jada Osborn, Kobee Gardner, Tyler Tamez, Jaxon Tamez, Madilyn Vannett, Alexander Vannett, Austyn Vannett, Teagynn Vannett, Sawyer Vannett, Brynlee Sweet, Theo Sweet, Sadie Sweet, Kody Bear, Isabella Bear, Isaac Bear, Timothy Bear, Blayke Williamson, Camryn Wright; his brother Edward (Gayle) Larson of Trenton, ND; as well as many nieces, nephews, and friends who became family on his journey.

Lester is preceded in death by parents Mary Christine and Lester Sr., his loving wife of 42 years Patricia, and grandson Mark Gardner.