

CLOSE THE GATE

For this one farmer the worries are over,
lie down and rest your head,
Your time has been and struggles enough,
put the tractor in the shed.

Years were not easy, many downright hard,
but your faith in God transcended,
Put away your tools and sleep in peace.
The fences have all been mended.

You raised a fine family,
worked the land well and always followed the Son,
Hang up your shovel inside of the barn;
your work here on earth is done.

A faith few possess led your journey through life,
often a jagged and stony way,
The sun is setting, the cattle are all bedded,
and here now is the end of your day.

Your love of God's soil has passed on to your kin;
the stories flow like fine wine,
Wash off your work boots in the puddle
left by blessed rain one final time.

You always believed
that the good Lord would provide
and He always had somehow,
Take off your gloves and put them down,
no more sweat and worry for you now.

Your labor is done,
your home now is heaven;
no more must you wait,
Your legacy lives on, your love of the land,
and we will close the gate.

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Donald was born to John S. Tschetter Sr. and Elizabeth Hofer Tschetter on October 15, 1945.

Jake worked for Olson Implement for 30+ years working on farm machinery he could fix almost anything earning him the name of "Mr. Fix It".

He also enjoyed helping friends and family like JD Kleinsasser shearing sheep and baling hay.

Jake's favorite time spent was having coffee and eating his favorite meal of chicken at the Plains. He also enjoyed fishing, hunting and camping also playing cards, dominoes and rummy royal. His collection of caps was extensive always wearing a different one every day but his favorite was "I'm spending my kids' inheritance".

Jake married Mae Irene McKinney on July 1, 1994, and became instant dad to three daughters, Wendy Ravenscroft, Nikki Sundstrom and Darlena Fischer, whom he loved with his whole heart.

Grateful for sharing his life are his kids, Wendy (Todd) Ravenscroft, Nikki Sundstrom and Patrick Fischer; seven grandkids, Ryan (Ashlyne) Ravenscroft, Caitlyn Fischer (Cory), Stephanie Sundstrom (Chandler), James Fischer (Macy) Tiffanie Sundstrom, Nathaniel Fischer and Sheldon Sundstrom; one sister, Rosie (Ed) Johnson of Lennox; one sister-in-law, Mary Kay Tschetter of Huron; Mae's siblings and their families; and many nieces, nephews and extended family.

Jake was preceded in death by his parents; his wife, Mae I. Tschetter; one daughter, Darlena J. Fischer; one granddaughter; Amanda Ravenscroft; two sisters, Elsie Bradley and Viola Burnham; and five brothers, John, Dick, Irvin, Alvin and Robert Tschetter.

For a Quiet Man here are a few of his favorite sayings "Makes no shit a difference to me", "All Joking Aside", "I mean what do you do?", "YES DEAR" and "GOOD NIGHT!"

Jake Tschetter passed away at Avantara Huron on Tuesday, May 19, 2026, at the age of 80 years, 7 months and 4 days.



In Loving Memory

Donald "Jake" Tschetter

October 15, 1945 — May 19, 2026

Funeral Service

Wednesday, May 27, 2026 — 2:00 PM

Kuhler Funeral Home

Huron, South Dakota

Rev. Dwayne Williams — Officiant

Music

I Can Only Imagine by Mercy Me

Jealous Of The Angels by Jenn Bostic

When I Get Where I'm Going by Brad Paisley

Casket Bearers

James Fischer

Tiffanie Sundstrom

Bryson North

Jeff Richey

Ryan Ravenscroft

Cory Rux

Jeremy North

Damian Dorris

Interment

Riverside Cemetery

Huron, South Dakota