A Farmer's Prayer

Lord, bless this farmland and the seeds we sow,
Bless every animal and the crops we grow.

Thank you for the trusty tractors that tend our land,
And for the strength and wisdom of every helping hand.

Grant us peace, comfort and guidance from above,
So we may prosper and share our bountiful harvest with love.

And through your gracious gift keep us safe from harm
God's precious blessings of family, friends, and our farm.

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IN LOVING Memory



Bob Reese

December 17, 1940 - October 4, 2026

Robert "Bob" Wayne Reese was born December 17, 1940 to Arnold and Ruth (VandeVelde) Reese in Luverne, Minnesota. He was baptized and confirmed at St. Catherine Church in Luverne. Bob grew up on the family farm, six miles north of Beaver Creek, Minnesota where he lived the majority of his life, having lived in Springwater Township his entire life. While growing up he helped neighbors with corn shelling, and baling hay and straw. He enjoyed riding motorcycle and causing chaos with his brothers. During high school he played basketball and football. Bob graduated from Beaver Creek High School in 1960. On September 18, 1971, Bob was united in marriage to Judy McCarty at Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Alvord, Iowa. This union was blessed with two children. Bob worked the land as a farmer and raised cattle. When his children, Diane and Dennis, were growing up it was like "Old McDonald's Farm". Bob would go to the sale barn on Saturdays and bring home new animals for the kids to "take care of". Over the years he brought home ducks, geese, guineas, turkeys, rabbits, and pigs. Bob felt the kids needed some responsibility doing chores. If Bob wasn't working on something in the yard, he was helping the neighbors. They would take turns helping with the fieldwork, machinery, mowing and baling, and working the cattle. Before Bob got a cattle trailer, he would round up a crew and move cattle with pick-ups, horses, three-wheelers, and by foot to a different pasture. Sometimes it went well. Other times a few curse words might have slipped out. Bob worked in construction and farmed for most of his life before deciding that was enough and he "retired". He got rid of the cattle, but kept "helping" Dennis with the farming until 2022.

Bob enjoyed fishing, doing word finds, and fixing the grand-boys' bikes. He would take his kids and grandsons to Bakke's Pond to catch bullheads galore. His fishing trips with friends took them to Canada, Arkansas, and the Missouri River. Many drinks were consumed, fish caught, and a good time was had by all.

On Sunday, October 4, 2026, passed away at The Cottage in Luverne at the age of 85 years, nine months and 18 days.

Bob is remembered by his wife, Judy of Luverne; children, Diane (Jarod) Rowden of Luverne; and Dennis Reese (special friend, Shannon) of Jasper, Minnesota; grandchildren, Taylor Reese of Sioux Falls, Tanner (Liz) Rowden of Miller, South Dakota, Cole Reese and Thomas Reese of Pipestone; step-granddaughters, Paige (John) Dougherty of Salem, Missouri and Tori (Jeremy) Wolf of Valley Springs, South Dakota; great-grandchildren, Easton Rowden, Faith Wolf, and Lily Dougherty; siblings, Arnold "Bud" (Carol) Reese of Milaca, Minnesota, Mary Nath of Magnolia, Minnesota, Sue (Don) Juntunen of Menahga, Minnesota, and Micheal (Candace) Reese of Luverne. He was preceded in death by his parents, Arnold and Ruth Reese; and brother, Daryl (Judy) Reese; and brother-in-law, Johannes Nath.

In Loving Memory of

Bob Reese



Memorial Mass of Christian Burial
Saturday, October 10, 2026 - 10:30 AM
St. Catherine Catholic Church
Luverne, Minnesota

Celebrants
Father Joshua Miller Msgr. Gerald Kosse

Lector - Russell Reese
Altar Servers - Lucas Faber, Ethan Faber
Gift Bearers - Bob's Grandsons
Urn Bearer - David Spykerboer

Scripture Readings
Romans 8:31b-35, 37-39
Psalm 25:6, 7b, 17-18, 20-21
John 14:1-6

Organist - Susan Skattum
Cantor - Ron Rother

Congregational Hymns
"Be Not Afraid"
"Gift of Finest Wheat"
"Amazing Grace"

Inurnment
St. Catherine Catholic Cemetery
Luverne, Minnesota

Following the committal service, friends are invited to join the family for food and sharing.

Arrangements under the care of
HARTQUIST FUNERAL HOME