



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 the modern race
For here, I think, I just see less
Of evil, greed, and selfishness.

My farm's a haven – here swells rest,
Security and happiness –
Whate'er befalls the world outside
Here faith and hope and love abide.

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

In Loving Memory of

Francis John Pazour

May 7, 1930 ~ September 5, 2021

SCRIPTURE/ROSARY SERVICE

St. James Catholic Church, Chamberlain, SD
7:00 p.m., Thursday, September 9, 2021

FUNERAL MASS

St. James Catholic Church, Chamberlain, SD
10:30 a.m., Friday, September 10, 2021

CELEBRANT

Father Bill Hamak
Joey & Andy Pranger ~ Altar Servers

LECTORS

Karla Pazour

Monica Konechne

MUSIC SELECTIONS

“Amazing Grace”
“On Eagle’s Wings”
St. James Choir

“Prayer of St. Francis”
“Song of Farewell”
Linda Potter ~ Organist

Reed Pazour – soloist – “O Loving God”

CASKETBEARERS

Grandchildren of Francis

Sarah Nickels
Noah Gullikson
Clara Nephew

Reed Pazour

Jonathan Tyrell
Jeremy Casselberry
Sarah Rohrbach

HONORARY BEARERS

Francis’ Grandchildren & Great Grandchildren

MILITARY GRAVESIDE RITES BY

Drips American Legion Post No. 130, Kimball, SD

BURIAL RITES

St. Procopius (Red Lake) Catholic Cemetery, Pukwana, SD

The family invites everyone for lunch & fellowship in St. James Community Center
immediately following the funeral mass.

Arrangements By: Hickey Funeral Home, Chamberlain, SD

Francis John Pazour was born on May 7, 1930 on the family homestead south of Pukwana SD to James "Winnie" and Clara (Soulek) Pazour. When Francis was 4 years old, his mother passed away after the birth of his baby brother Joseph at which time his Aunt Mayme Pazour helped his father raise the young family. He attended Pazour Country School through the 8th grade. At the age of 20 Francis was drafted into the U.S. Army on Dec 12, 1950. He completed his basic training at Fort Carson, Colorado and was then based at Yuma Arizona until his discharge on Dec. 12, 1952 from Camp Roberts California. His father passed away while he was in the service. After his discharge he returned to the family homestead to farm with his brothers. On Sept 10, 1955 Francis was united in marriage to Joanne Gross at St. Margaret Catholic Church in Kimball SD. They continued living and operating the place on which he was born. Together they were blessed with 7 children. He was very proud of them and all of their accomplishments. He loved hunting, enjoyed going to all his children's and grandchildren's activities, along with playing cards with his family and friends.

In 1964 Francis was selected as the "Outstanding Young Farmer" of this area by the Chamberlain Junior Chamber of Commerce. He was a member of the St. James Catholic Church, Knights of Columbus and Drips American Legion Post #130 of Kimball. He also served on the Richland Township board for 31 years and was actively farming until age 85 (checking fences, cattle etc..). He did so love his family and the farm on which he lived his whole life.

Francis peacefully passed away at age 91 in his home where he was born. Grateful for sharing his life is Joanne, his loving wife of 66 years. His 7 children Steve (Rita) Pazour of Pukwana SD; Nancy (Terry) Schweitzer of Mobridge SD; Donna (Jim) Gullikson of Locust Grove GA; Kathy (Scott) Casselberry of Amery WI; Janette (Robert) Parks of Searcy AR; Lynette (Kenny) Yeaton of Chamberlain SD and MaryJo Rohrbach of Sioux Falls SD; sister in law Marie (Chester) Pazour; 21 grandchildren; 8 great grandchildren; many nieces & nephews. Preceding him in death were his parents James "Winnie" and Clara, his brother James & his wife Vivian Pazour, his sister Florence & her husband Charles "Chuck" Shank, as well as his brothers Chester & Joseph. Nephews Kenny Pazour & Mike Goepfert & niece Linda (Shank) Hammond.



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God looked down on his planned paradise and said

"I need a caretaker."

So, God made

A Farmer