

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 boots in the puddle left by blessed rain
on a fall morn.

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 in 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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Randy Dale Sixta was born on August 29, 1960 to Dale and Sharon (Waage) Sixta in Worthington, Minnesota. While growing up Randy loved spending time on the farm with his grandpa. He was an active 4-H member, fostering a deep love for animals at a young age. Randy showed Jersey cattle at the local fair and many state fairs during his childhood. During his early years, Randy was a member of the Zion Lutheran Church in Horton Township in Ocheyedan, Iowa, where he was baptized and later confirmed. He attended the Ocheyedan Public School where he played the trumpet and ran high hurdles. He graduated high school in 1978. Shortly after graduating, Randy was united in marriage to Lisa Schiphoff on April 10, 1982 in Sibley, Iowa. In 1984, the couple moved to Tyler, MN. They eventually relocated to Lake Benton in 1987, where they raised their three daughters Jennifer, Kimberly and Ashley. Randy passed away on Saturday, May 16, 2026 at the age of 65 years, eight months and 18 days.

He took deep pride in growing their family farm from the ground up. The family could be found spending their summers together building their own grain bins, waxing farm equipment, and keeping the farm in pristine condition. He thoroughly enjoyed working with Lisa "Leis" and the girls on the farm and beamed with pride when his girls drove the tractor or delivered a meal. He could never say no to running into town for ice cream or a quick treat (especially a fresh Twin Bing). It was extremely important to him that his girls learn the value of hard work and the ability to (or attempt to) overcome a usual transmission. Randy was always ready and wanting to try something new. He thoroughly enjoyed building his own planters and corn heads and was recognized in several magazines for his craftsmanship and knowledge.

He loved 70's rock (especially Nazareth), restoring his 72' Nova, collecting family heirlooms, Oliver tractors, old lanterns and old comic books. Above all, Randy loved watching his grandchildren grow up on the farm giving them bottled Coca-Cola and plenty of snacks. He was a member of Our Savior Lutheran Church in Brookings, South Dakota, where he enjoyed growing his relationship with his lord as much as he enjoyed growing his crops.

Randy is survived by his wife, Lisa Sixta of Lake Benton; daughters, Jennifer (Sean) Castle of Tyler, Minnesota, Kimberly (Chris) Wooge of Florence, MN and Ashley (Dustin) King of Lake Benton; 9 grandchildren, Rayleigh, Addison, Madelyn and Kasen Castle, Kayden and Kollyns Wooge, Maverick, Kennedy and Quinn King; siblings, Lori (Marty) Richardson of Sibley, Iowa and Jolene (Ben) Eilers of Lake Park, Iowa; mother-in-law, Kathy Jean Truckenmiller; Ethel Anderson, who was a second mother to him; and several other family and friends. Randy was preceded in death by his parents Dale Sixta and Sharon Meyer; passed away on May 16, 2026; his grandparents, Floyd and Hazel Sixta, Lars and Irene Waage; nephews, Jeffrey Sillers and Jesse Richardson; and Kenny Anderson, who was a second father to him.

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Memorial Service

Saturday, May 23, 2026 - 3:00 PM
St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church
Lake Benton, Minnesota

Officiating - Pastor Ken Brokmeier

Scripture

Psalm 121 Romans 14:7-9
Matthew 11:28-30

Pianist - Sue Brokmeier

Congregational Hymns

"Old Rugged Cross"
"What a Friend We Have In Jesus"
"How Great Thou Art"
"Amazing Grace"

Honorary Urn Bearers

Randy's Beloved Grandchildren

Rayleigh	Addison	Madelyn
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Burialment

Ocheyedan Township Cemetery
Ocheyedan, Iowa

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