



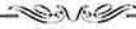
Richard Thomas Whelan died Saturday, April 12, 2025 under the care of Hospice. Richard was born on the family farm near Crystal, ND, on November 8, 1938, to James Joseph (JJ) Whelan and Marion (Colby) Whelan.

He graduated from Crystal High School and attended NDSU. On November 8, 1964, he was united in marriage to Cleone Holum of Mayville, ND

Richard was a lifelong farmer and throughout his lifetime he served on various Farm Bureau boards, Valley School board, North Valley VoTech board, and was a member of the Cavalier Presbyterian Church.

He is survived by his wife, daughters Beth Whelan of San Diego, CA, and Joan (Jason) Huus, grandsons Garrett (Emily) Huus, Logan Huus, Wyatt Huus all of Grand Forks, ND, great grandson, Hudson Huus, and several neices and nephews.

Preceding him in death were his parents, brother George, sister-in-law Mae Whelan, and in-laws Clemet and Helen Holum, and great niece, Anna Whelan Sjursen.



Today the journey is ended, I have worked out the mandates of fate;  
Naked, alone, undefended, I knock at the Uttermost Gate.  
Behind is life and its longing, Its trial, its trouble, its sorrow;  
Beyond is the Infinite Morning of a day without a tomorrow.

Go back to dust and decay, body, grown weary and old;  
You are worthless to me from today- no longer my soul can you hold.  
I lay you down gladly forever for a life that is better than this;  
I go where partings ne'er sever you into oblivion's abyss.

Lo, the gate swings wide at my knocking, across endless reaches I see  
Lost friends with laughter come flocking to give a glad welcome to me.  
Farewell, the maze has been threaded, this is the ending of strife;  
Say not that death should be dreaded- 'tis but the beginning of life.

