

Francis James Andera Jr. (Jim) was born March 26, 1941 at the homeplace in Ola Township to Francis James Andera Sr. and Florence Mae Svenson. He was raised in Ola Township on the family farm.

He attended Pretzer Country School through eighth grade. He was baptized and confirmed at St. Margaret's Catholic Church in Kimball, SD. Following school, he worked on the family farm. September 24, 1960, he married Sandra Marlene Haugen in Lake Benton, MN at the judge's home. To this union four children were born. Michael, Kay, David, and Shelly. He worked various farming jobs until he started farming on his own in Red Lake Township creating Lazy JY Bar Farm. Harvesting and calving times were his favorites.

On December 26, 1994 he was united in marriage to Karen Gayle Wint. He also gained a daughter and adopted Kara. They made their home in Pukwana where they lived for 17 years. They then moved to the Chamberlain Township where he spent his remaining years.

Jim served as a crop adjuster for Speckel's Insurance and served on the Brule County Weed Board for 7 years and in 2015 was honored as a Century Farmer. He belonged to the St. James Catholic Church and the Knights of Columbus. He served on the board of the Chamberlain Township. His life was spent plowing the earth, planting it, reaping it, and raising cattle.

Jim loved to travel which included: the Caribbean, Hawaii and his favorite was Alaska. He loved to hunt and fish. He was always part of the community and loved socializing at the Co-op playing cards and sipping coffee. In his later years, he enjoyed the Chamberlain Senior Center.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Florence, and Francis Andera Sr., daughter Shelly Salisbury, sister-in-law LaRea Andera and nephew Christopher Andera.

Jim passed away on July 24, 2023 at Sanford Medical Center in Chamberlain at the age of 82. He is survived by his wife Karen Andera, children Michael Andera (Mary), Kay Eden (Mark), David Andera (Andrea), and Kara Fenner (Keith), brothers Robert Andera (Sheryl), Edward Andera, Frank Andera (Mary Jo) and Timothy Andera (Lora), 9 grandchildren, 14 great grandchildren and #15 will be here soon.

*In
Loving
Memory*





In Loving Memory of
Francis James Andera Jr.

March 26, 1941— July 24, 2023

Scripture Service

St. James Catholic Church

Chamberlain, SD

7:00 p.m., Thursday, July 27, 2023

Funeral Service

St. James Catholic Church

Chamberlain, SD

10:00 a.m., Friday, July 28, 2023

Officiating

Father Richard Fox

Deacon Maurice Barrett

Music

Linda Potter ~ Organist

St. James Choir

Casketbearers

Levi Andera

Derick Andera

Josh Eden

Dalton Andera

Austin Andera

Patrick Rach

Honorary Bearers

Mark Eden

Dan Feltman

Tim Pazour

Keith Fenner

Rod Peterson

Jim Adamson

Interment

Riverview Cemetery

Chamberlain, SD

Everyone is invited for lunch & fellowship back at the church following the committal services.

Arrangements by: Hickey Funeral Chapel, Chamberlain, SD

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.

By-Nancy Kraayenhof

