

SO GOD MADE A FARMER

And on the 8th day, God looked down on his planned paradise and said, "I need a caretaker" --- so God made a Farmer.

God said, "I need somebody willing to get up before dawn, milk cows, work all day in the fields, milk cows again, eat supper, then go to town and stay past midnight at a meeting of the school board" --- so God made a Farmer.

"I need somebody with arms strong enough to rustle a calf and yet gentle enough to deliver his own grandchild; somebody to call hogs, tame cantanker-

ous machinery, come home hungry, have to wait lunch until his wife's done feeding visiting ladies, then tell the ladies to be sure and come back real soon --- and mean it"--- so God made a Farmer.

God said, "I need somebody willing to sit up all night with a newborn colt, and watch it die, then dry his eyes and say, 'Maybe next year.' I need somebody who can shape an ax handle from a persimmon sprout, shoe a horse with a hunk of car tire, who can make harness out of haywire, feed sacks and shoe scraps; who, planting time and harvest season, will finish his forty-hour week by Tuesday noon, and then pain'n from tractor back, put in another seventy-two hours" --- so God made a Farmer.

God had to have somebody willing to ride the ruts at double speed to get the hay in ahead of the rain clouds, and yet stop in mid-field and race to help when he sees the first smoke from a neighbor's place --- so God made a Farmer.

God said, "I need somebody strong enough to clear trees and heave bales, yet gentle enough to tame lambs and wean pigs and tend the pink-combed pullets, who will stop his mower for an hour to splint the broken leg of a meadow lark." It had to be somebody who'd plow deep and straight and not cut corners; somebody to seed, weed, feed, breed and rake and disc and plow and plant and tie the fleece and strain the milk and replenish the self-feeder and finish a hard week's work with a five-mile drive to church; somebody who would bale a family together with the soft strong bonds of sharing, who would laugh, and then sigh, and then reply, with smiling eyes, when his son says that he wants to spend his life "doing what dad does"--- so God made a Farmer.



IN LOVING MEMORY OF

LeRoy Joseph Stricherz

WHO WAS BORN

July 31, 1940

Watertown, South Dakota

AND CALLED TO HIS ETERNAL HOME

September 3, 2023

Watertown, South Dakota

MASS OF CHRISTIAN BURIAL

Saturday, September 9, 2023 - 10:30 a.m.

Church of The Annunciation

Reville, South Dakota

CELEBRANT

Father Brian Eckrich

MUSICIANS

Holly Meyer, Accompanist

Ronald Meyer, Vocalist

Annie Stricherz, Vocalist

URN BEARERS

Tyler Stricherz | Brandon Foote | Jordin Stricherz | Garrett Voegelé

Caitlin Stricherz | Braedin Stricherz | Bryce Voegelé

MILITARY HONORS

American Legion Birch-Miller Post #9

V.F.W. Grant County Post #3486

V.V.A. Northeast SD Chapter #1054

D.A.V. Chapter #19

INURNMENT

St. Mary's Catholic Cemetery

Reville, South Dakota

APPRECIATION

LeRoy's family is grateful for your attendance at this service.

Your many expressions of kindness and love are deeply appreciated. Following the graveside service, please join the family for food and fellowship at the Reville Community Center.

Mundwiler Funeral Home - Milbank, South Dakota



LeRoy Joseph Stricherz was born on July 31, 1940, to Bernard and Irene (Raml) Stricherz in Watertown, SD. He attended school in Waverly, SD. After high school, LeRoy served in the United States Navy, enlisting on July 8, 1958, in Watertown. He transferred into the Naval Reserves on June 1, 1961. He was honorably discharged on March 27, 1963. After the service, he went to work at John Deere in Watertown, SD.

On June 22, 1964, LeRoy was united in marriage to Florence Brandenburger in Revillo. In 1970, they moved to the farm near Revillo. Other jobs for LeRoy while farming included selling seed corn for Funks Seed Corn, working at Saputo Cheese, and Rising Star Hydraulics. In 2005, they moved into the city of Revillo, and continued to help with the farm.

LeRoy and Florence went on a few special trips with a group of friends. They spent four winters in Marble Falls and Burnet, Texas. LeRoy enjoyed playing cards with family and friends. He loved to pick on his grandkids whenever he had the chance. In his spare time, he would be in his lazy boy watching Gunsmoke or a western show of some kind.

LeRoy loved to hunt/fish and as he got older-watching birds/wildlife. In 2011, LeRoy went bear hunting in Gibbing, MN, and shot a black bear. For three years, LeRoy and his brothers went on an annual fishing trip to Lake of the Woods in northern MN. He and Florence enjoyed fishing at Mobridge, SD, with his daughter, Kim and family.

LeRoy Stricherz is survived by his wife, Florence Stricherz of Revillo, SD; three children: Connie (Roger) Foote of Watertown, SD; Kim (Jason) Voegelé of Mobridge, SD; and Darin (Pam) Stricherz of Revillo, SD; seven grandchildren; one great-grandchild on the way; siblings: Lanna (Elwood) Phelps of Redwood Falls, MN; Steve Stricherz of Watertown, SD; Diane Flemming of Rapid City, SD; Pat (Lori) Stricherz of LaBolt, SD; Jeff (Rachelle) Stricherz of Sioux Falls, SD; brothers-in-law: LeRoy (Linda) Brandenburger of South Shore, SD; Allen (Brenda) Brandenburger of Revillo, SD; sister-in-law: Margaret Brandenburger of Watertown, SD, and many nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents: Benjamin and Irene; brothers: Stan and Larry; sisters-in-law: Barb Stricherz, Laurie Stricherz, Donna Brandenburger, and Dorothy Bishop; brothers-in-law: Ron Flemming and Edward Brandenburger.

Celebrating **A LIFE**

