

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 & 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
& yet gentle enough to deliver his own grandchild;
somebody to call hogs, tame cantankerous 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, & 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,
& shoe scraps; who, planting time and harvest season,
will finish his forty-hour week by Tuesday noon, & then,
pain'n from tractor back, put in another seventy-two hours."

So God made a farmer

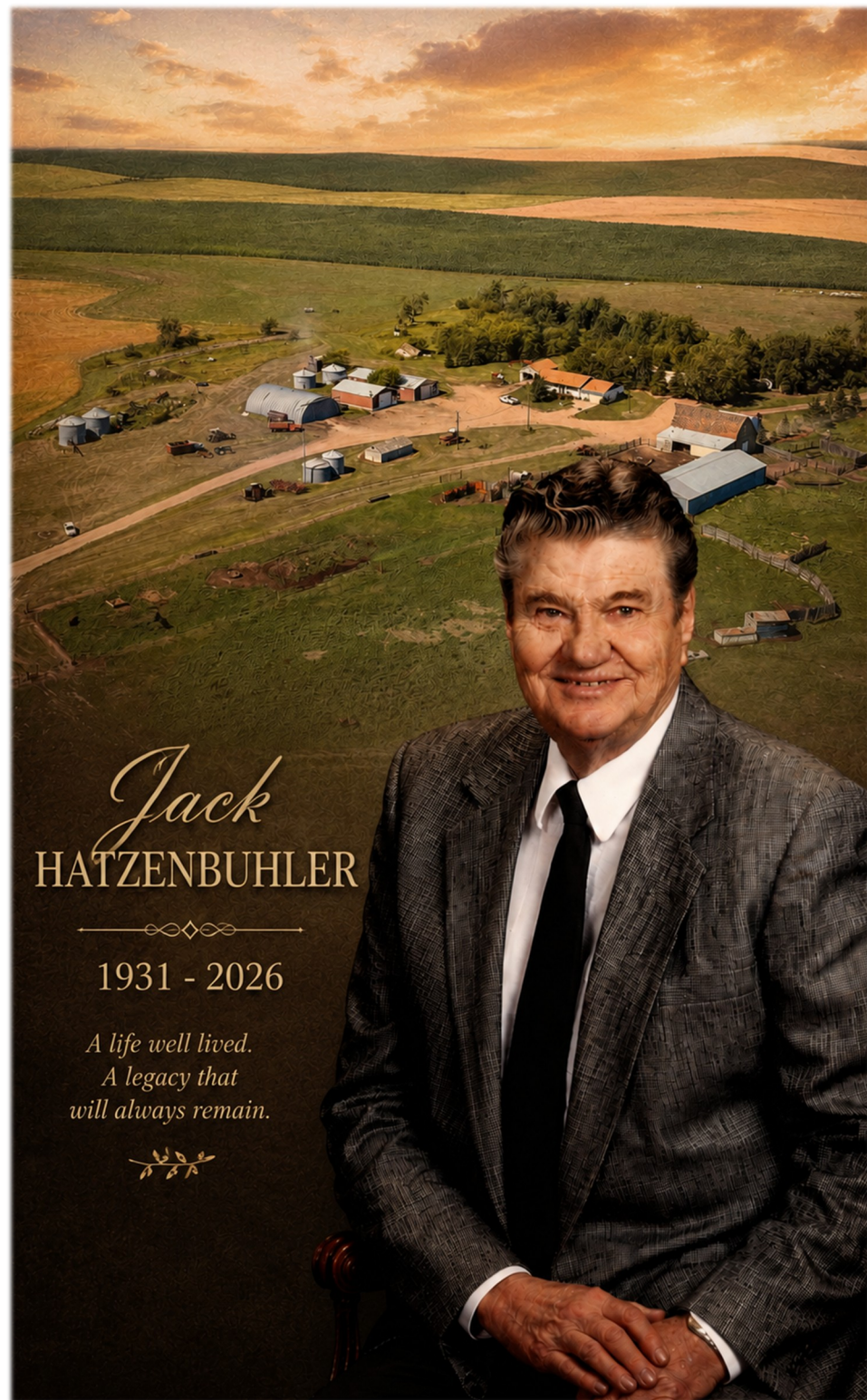
God had to have somebody willing to ride the ruts
at double speed to get the hay in ahead of the rain clouds,
& yet stop in mid-field & race to help when he sees the first
smoke from a neighbor's place.

So God made a farmer

God said, "I need somebody strong enough to clear trees
& heave bails, yet gentle enough to tame lambs & wean pigs
& tend the pink-combed pullets, who will stop his mower
for an hour to splint the broken leg of a meadow lark."

So God made a farmer

Please scan the QR code to view
Jack's Celebration of Life Tribute video.



Jack
HATZENBUHLER

1931 - 2026

*A life well lived.
A legacy that
will always remain.*





Jacob “Jack” Hatzenbuhler, 95, Mandan, passed away on August 10, 2026.

Jack R. Hatzenbuhler was born on August 1, 1931, to Raphael and Elizabeth (Stein) Hatzenbuhler. He attended a rural school one mile from the family farm through the 8th grade.

Jack met the love of his life, Helen Schmidt, at a wedding dance in New Salem. They were united in marriage on October 19, 1954, at St. Martin Catholic Church in Center. Jack and Helen farmed with his father, Raphael, until they took over the family farm in 1956. Later, their son, Marvin, joined their farm and ranch operation. When he was married in 1979, his wife, Lori became Jack’s partner for countless calving seasons.

Jack and Helen were blessed with three children, Marvin, Marlis, and Pamela. He was proud of his family and his grandchildren. Jack was a gentle and quiet man. He loved to visit and had a gift for talking to anyone. He enjoyed farming, ranching, dancing, and quick trips to Mandan. Every Wednesday, Jack would drop Helen off at the mall before heading to Kist Livestock.

Jack was a farmer through and through. Farming wasn’t simply what he did; it was a part of who he was. He loved the land, kept a close eye on the weather, and especially looked forward to harvest each year. After spending 90 years on the farm, Jack moved into town, but his heart never strayed far from farm life. He always enjoyed hearing about the crops, cattle, and weather and remained interested in how things were going back on the farm.

Jack and Helen shared 71 years together and were side by side every day of their married life. Jack jokingly called Helen his “hired man,” but in truth, they were partners in farming and in life. They enjoyed their final years together at Edgewood in Mandan where they enjoyed activities and made many friends.

Blessed to have shared in his life are his wife, Helen Hatzenbuhler, Mandan; children, Marvin (Lori) Hatzenbuhler, Marlis (Mark) Grove, and Pamela (Ray) Schafer, all of Mandan; grandchildren, Cody (Jennifer) Hatzenbuhler, Chad (Amanda) Hatzenbuhler, Dustin (Heather) Grove, Westin (Mandy) Grove, Sierra (Cameron) Powers, and Justin Schafer (Jake Swan); great-grandchildren, Caden and Brady Hatzenbuhler, Olivia Hatzenbuhler, Lily and Emma Grove, Graysen Grove, and Rhen, Vera, and Mara Powers; siblings, Jim (Lucille) Hatzenbuehler and Lorraine Gerhardt; and sisters-in-law, Betty Schmidt and Yvonne Schmidt.

Jack was preceded in death by his parents; siblings, John R. (Ida) Hatzenbuhler, Ralph Jr. (Florentine) Hatzenbuehler, Cecelia (Floyd) Mosbrucker, Isabelle (Frank) Schmidt, Lillian (Simon) Schmidt, and two infant siblings, Martin and Rose; and brothers-in-law, Stanley Gerhardt, Raymond Schmidt, Rudy Schmidt, and Joseph (Monica) Schmidt.



Parish Rosary & Vigil

Presider

Special Music

Funeral Liturgy

Celebrant

Musicians

Lectors

Urn Bearers

Monday, August 17, 2026; 6:00 PM

Deacon Bob Nutsch

Judy Friesz

Tuesday, August 18, 2026; 10:00 AM

Christ the King Catholic Church

Mandan, North Dakota

Fr. Fred Harvey

Alice Gerhardt & Vance Krebs

Pamela Schafer & Sierra Powers

Chad Hatzenbuhler & Cody Hatzenbuhler

Processional Song

“Be Not Afraid”

Liturgy of the Word

Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 25:6a, 7-9

Response

Psalm 23

“The Lord is my shepherd, there is nothing I shall want.”

New Testament Reading

Romans 14:7-9, 10b-12

Gospel Reading

John 12:23-26

Homily

Liturgy of the Eucharist

Preparation of Gifts Song

“How Great Thou Art”

Presentation of Gifts

Lily & Emma Grove

Eucharistic Prayer

Communion Songs

“Here I am, Lord”

Communion Meditation

“The Old Rugged Cross”

Final Commendation

“Song of Farewell”

Closing Song

“On Eagle’s Wings”

Committal Service

Mandan Union Cemetery

Mandan, North Dakota

Honorary Urn Bearers

~ Grandchildren ~

Dustin Grove & Westin Grove

Sierra Powers & Justin Schafer

The family invites you for food & fellowship in the upstairs of the Mandan Eagles, 1400 Collins Avenue, immediately following the burial service.

Please use the south door.