

John D. Holzer, 85, formerly of Timber Lake, passed away on Oct. 1, 2021 at Five Counties Nursing Home in Lemmon, SD. John was born at home on the farm south of Timber Lake to Frank, Sr. and Elizabeth (Goldade) Holzer on Oct. 23, 1935 and lived on the home place his whole life until he moved to the nursing home in Moberge, prior to his move to Lemmon.

John attended school at Stoick Country School; he and his brother Frank often talked about walking to school (“both ways up hill”). As a young adult, John worked for several ranchers in the area (Jim O’Leary, Elmer Hellesund, Francis Reinbold) and also worked for Fred Joens in Pasco, WA for a short time, driving a grain truck. He did these jobs until he began his own dairy business with his brother Frank, eventually buying the land from their father and brother Tony.

John was a talented musician, teaching himself to play guitar, steel guitar, fiddle, and harmonica. John had a band called The Nite Owls with his brother Frank and cousin Johnny Goldade, and they often played at area weddings, at Pepsi’s Café and Lounge in Timber Lake, and at Hofer’s in Glad Valley. They played a variety of music, including polkas, waltzes, and old time country (and a rare rock classic). Some of his favorite songs included “Folsom Prison Blues” by Johnny Cash, “Kiss An Angel Good Morning” by Charley Pride, “The Gambler” by Kenny Rogers, “Proud Mary” by Creedance Clearwater Revival and “Sing Me Back Home” by Merle Haggard. He was shy about his music. When he first started playing he had to play with his back to the crowd. He often wouldn’t begin singing until late into the evening. Family members believe John was the best pedal steel guitar player and could put any Nashville musician to shame.

John was a basic, hard-working man who enjoyed a beautiful car and surrounding himself with family. He was quick with a good story or joke. He agreed with his brother Mike that, when someone would reminisce about the “good old days,” they would say, “What good old days?” After he retired from ranching, he became the resident mouse trapper on the farm, and he was in charge of the “trap line” (“I hate the miserable meeces”).

John was preceded in death by his parents, his siblings Johanna, Tony (Wilma and Margaret), Michael, Regina (Allen) Hellesund, Steve, Joseph, Adam (Geraldine), Anna (Francis) Reinbold, Frank Jr., and a baby girl, brother-in-law, Kenneth Bailey and several nieces and nephews.

He is survived by his sister Marian Bailey, sisters-in-law An-

In Loving Memory of:



John D. Holzer

October 23, 1935 ~ October 1, 2021

Kiss an Angel Good Mornin'
Charley Pride

*Whenever I had chance to meet Some old
friends on the street They wonder how does a
man get to be this way I've always got a smilin'
face Any time and any place And everytime they
ask me why, I just smile and say.*

*You've got to kiss an angel good mornin' And let
her know you think about her when you're gone
Kiss an angel good mornin' And love her like a
devil when you get back home"*

*Well, people may try to guess The secret of
happiness But some of them never learn it's a
simple thing The secret I'm speakin' of is a
woman and a man in love And the answer is in
the song that I always sing*

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John D. Holzer

85 Years ~ 11 Months ~ 9 Days

BORN: October 23, 1935
Timber Lake, South Dakota

PASSED AWAY: October 1, 2021
Lemmon, South Dakota

MASS OF CHRISTIAN BURIAL:
10:00 AM, Thursday, October 7, 2021
Holy Cross Catholic Church
Timber Lake, South Dakota

CLERGY:
Fr. Brian Lane

ORGANIST:
Marlene Biegler

CONGREGATIONAL HYMNS:
"Here I Am Lord" ~ "Be Not Afraid"
"On Eagle's Wings" ~ "Gift Of Finest Wheat"
"Lord Is My Shepherd" ~ "Song of Farewell"

CASKETBEARERS:
Wayne Holzer ~ Kylie Keller ~ Tim Holzer
Gene Reinbold ~ Hannah Slette ~ Dennis Holzer

HONORARY BEARERS:
Staff & Residents At The Mobridge Golden Living Center
Staff & Residents At The Five Counties Nursing Home
All John's Nieces & Nephews

USHERS:
Bill Phillips ~ Alexys Van Dusen

PLACE OF BURIAL:
Timber Lake Cemetery