



Close the Gate (For Dad)

*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 your barn;
your work 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 onto your kin;
The stories flow like fine wine,
Wash off your work boots in the puddle left
by the 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.*



In Loving Memory

John L. Hornung

July 18, 1931 - August 15, 2025



John was born July 18th, 1931, in Walhalla, ND to Robert Sr. and Elizabeth (Hoesl) Hornung. He attended Fremont Country school and then graduated from Walhalla High School in 1939. He attended the North Dakota State School of Science in Wahpeton, where he learned to weld. He said learning that skill kept him farming for all those years. As a young adult John hauled gravel, he loved to go fast and expected his vehicles to be in top condition. He was a lifelong member of the Knights of Columbus. His faith was very important to him. In 1969 John met his soon-to-be wife, Rosemary Law. They were married the following year, on July 17th, 1970, at St. Edward's Catholic Church in Drayton, ND. In short order, they were blessed with four children. John worked hard growing his family and his crops. He had a love of the land where he put his time and talents to use. He was very proud of his family and the farm he was able to pass on to them.

John is survived by his children Lynelle (Jeffery) Osvold, Gregory (Becky) Hornung, Peggy (Shawn) Hanson, and Brenda (Mark) Wyckoff. Grandchildren: Andrew (Courtney), Matthew (Gretchen) and Alexandra; Gavin (Laney), Grady and Gracyn; Ben (Karissa), Jake (Erin), Kallie and Cole; Brynn (Austin), JT and Braxton. Five Great-Grandchildren: Owen, Jack, Ada, Jensyn, and Russell. Numerous nieces and nephews, and his sister-in-law Rose Mary Law.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Rosemary, parents, and siblings: Francis, Robert, Mercedes & Leo, son-in-law Daryl Peterson, as well as nine angel grandbabies.

John Lawrence Hornung of Walhalla, ND died peacefully August 15th, 2025 surrounded by his family. He was 94 years old and for the past two years, a resident at the Pembilier Nursing Center in Walhalla.

MASS OF CHRISTIAN BURIAL

Tuesday, August 19, 2025 - 10:30 a.m.

St. Boniface Catholic Church
Walhalla, North Dakota

CELEBRANT

Rev. Fr. Jason Asselin

READER

Kathy Kopf

GIFT BEARERS

Gavin Hornung & Owen Lehmann

CONGREGATIONAL HYMNS

“Gift of Finest Wheat” “You Are Mine”

“Amazing Grace” “Be Not Afraid”

Ann Kraft, Cantor Bernadine Kopf, Organist

CASKET BEARERS

Jeffery Osvold Shawn Hanson Mark Wyckoff

Michael Hornung Allan Kraft Tanner Sehr

INTERMENT

St. Boniface Catholic Cemetery
Walhalla, North Dakota