



My Farm

*My farm, to me, is not just land,
Where bare, unpainted buildings stand,
To me, my farm is nothing less,
Than all created loveliness.*

*My farm is not where I must soil
My hands in endless, dreary toil,
But where, through seed and swelling pod,
I've learned to walk and talk with God.*

*My farm, to me, is not a place
Outmoded by a modern race.
For here, I think I just see less
Of evil, greed, and selfishness.*

*My farm's not lonely ... for all day
I hear my children shout at play.
And here, when age comes, free from fears,
I'll live again, long joyous years.*

*My farm's a haven ... here dwells rest,
Security and happiness ...
What e're befalls the world outside
Here faith, and hope, and love abide.*

*And so my farm is not just land
Where bare, unpainted buildings stand.
To me, my farm is nothing less
Than all God's hoarded loveliness.*



*With tears and
sadness in our eyes,
it's time to say our
last goodbyes.
When duty called,
you gave your all,
and so you will be
missed,
but all the love we
have for you can never be
extinguished.*

Thank you is not enough. For the hugs, stories, laughs, tears, food, supplies, calls, messages and the help. Thank you to Jamis and Gary Jurgens, the Reville Fire Department, Milbank First Responders, Avera Milbank staff, Mundwiler's, Kibble Equipment, Sioux Valley Coop, Reville Farmers Elevator and all the soybean harvest crew, our Reville community, family, friends and neighbors. We will never be able to repay all of you for all the support and everything else over the last few days and from here on out. We have seen a part of Blake that lives on in all of you because we know he would be the first person to help anyone if the tables were turned. Please remember to hang on to the good and to keep sharing your stories of Blake. We will never get tired of hearing them.

Brenda, Justin & Shiloy and family,
and Josh & Cheyenne and family

Celebrating THE *Life* OF



Blake Sime
1958 - 2023

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WHO WAS BORN

August 11, 1958
Ortonville, Minnesota

CALLED TO HIS ETERNAL HOME

October 4, 2023
Milbank, South Dakota

MASS OF CHRISTIAN BURIAL

Wednesday, October 11, 2023 - 10:30 a.m.
Former Grant-Deuel School Facility
Reville, South Dakota

CELEBRANT

Fr. Brian Eckrich

MUSICIANS

Holly Meyer, Pianist
Natalie Meyer Vocalist
Ronald Meyer, Guitarist & Vocalist

CASKET BEARERS

Scott Johnson | Al Lounsbery | Todd Lounsbery
Dave Meyer | Kevin Schnaser | Adam "Slim" Adolph
Kevin DeBoer | Ted Holscher

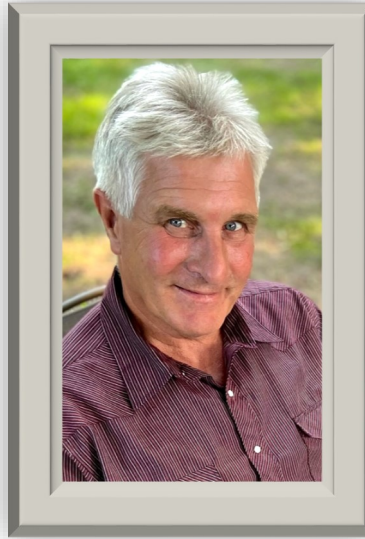
HONORARY BEARERS

The Reville Volunteer Fire Department

INTERMENT

St. Mary's Catholic Cemetery
Reville, South Dakota

Mundwiler Funeral Home
Milbank, South Dakota



Blake Arden Sime was born on August 11, 1958, in Ortonville, MN, to Stuart and Lucille (Hiepler) Sime. The oldest of Stuart and Lucy's boys, Blake came roaring into this world 40 minutes before his twin brother Blair. Three years later, his youngest brother, Brian was born. Blake was baptized and confirmed at Trinity Lutheran Church in Reville and later joined the Catholic Church. He grew up in the Reville, SD, area and attended school at Grant-Deuel School, graduating with the

Class of 1976. During his high school years, Blake was always helping out his neighbors and friends with harvesting, milking cows, or doing chores. He dove into his own farming operation right away and continued to farm the land with many crops his entire life. He also raised cattle, pigs, chickens, horses, and most recently, turkeys.

On September 7, 1985, Blake was united in marriage to Brenda Wollschlager at Annunciation Catholic Church in Reville. Because they fell in love, their sons, Justin and Josh were born. Their two sons, in return, gave them seven wonderful grandkids. With all those special blessings, they were able to enjoy 38 years together.

With Blake, there were no strangers, just friends that he had not yet met. Cattle was a huge part of Blake's life. Along with that industry came many lasting friendships as well. Farming kept him busy, but Blake's community was important to him. He served as a Reville Volunteer Fire Fighter for 47 years. Blake also served on the Adams Township Board, Reville Farmer's Elevator Board, Church Council, Spirit of the Cats Board, the Reville Housing Board, Reville Park Committee, the Minn-Dak Pig Corp., Twin Brooks Threshing Bee and the Marietta Legion Pork Chop Feed. Blake was always volunteering his help where it was needed.

One of Blake's famous lines was that he would "be home in a little bit", which is usually what he would tell Brenda when he was at the Lone Tree Butcher Shop or the Station. He was a regular at the Watering Can Café with the breakfast guys. Every summer he looked forward to the Rosen Golf Cart run. Always a guy who loved to play games, enjoying playing Pinochle, Rummy, and Whist. Brenda always made sure to call him during planting and harvest time to Uber him around from field to field. He thoroughly enjoyed his Argentina trip with his friends and neighbors as well as other winter trips. In recent years, he looked forward to his winter trip to Arizona to visit his twin brother, Blair, and his wife, Peggy.

Most of all, Blake adored his grandchildren. And to his grandchildren, he was their most favorite person in the entire world. He always had time for them to ride with him on the golf cart or in the payload, the combine and pushing up feed with him in the ranger. He never missed an opportunity to have a treat with them and play hide and seek, baseball and have water fights with them or attend one of their events.

Left to cherish Blake's memory are his wife, Brenda Sime of Reville, SD; sons: Justin (Shiloy) Sime of Reville, SD; and Josh (Cheyenne) Sime of Milbank, SD; seven grandchildren: Andee, Boyd, Coree Ann, Judd, Huxton, Hendrix, and Theo; brothers: Blair (Peggy) Sime of Newport, MN; and Brian (Debb) Sime of Reville, SD; along with many, many nieces, nephews, relatives, and friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents; his father and mother-in-law, Ed and Kay Wollschlager; and grandparents, Ernest and Lucille Sime; and Otto and Mary Hiepler.

