

*I was born to be a farmer*

**It is what I know...**

And what I love. Up before the crack of dawn with a morning ritual that includes a strong cup of joe, a quick glance at the weather and always a check on the market, because

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**It's overlooking the beauty...**

Of the earth and the smell of freshly tilled soil, entrusted to the vastness of what we call a field. It's watching and waiting to see all of those millions of little seeds start to sprout through the ground in rows as straight as a rule, bringing great satisfaction, because

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**It's having great faith...**

As the storm comes in, knowing that the green, tender plants could be wiped out in a matter of seconds. Or, when the rain simply doesn't come, and watching the plants wither until at the last minute of almost losing hope, a rain cloud comes. And the sky opens right at that moment, with just enough to get a little relief and renewed faith, because

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**It's keeping up**

With technology, realizing that it's a sure necessity. But always looking back with the fondest of memories and great admiration of how Dad and Grandpa did things, because

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**It's a partnership...**

A partnership with the good Lord Almighty. Without Him, it could not be done. It is His divine guidance that gets me through each season, from the planting to the harvest. Through the storms and the drought... the highs and the lows. Some say it's a gamble, but to me, it's a way of life, because

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*In Loving Memory of*

**Everett Allen Hopkins Jr.**

*March 23, 1942 ~ January 5, 2023*

**Scripture/Rosary Service**

*St. James Catholic Church, Chamberlain, SD  
4:00 p.m., Sunday, January 8, 2023*

**Officiating**

*Deacon Maurice Barrett*

**Funeral Service**

*St. James Catholic Church, Chamberlain, SD  
10:00 a.m., Monday, January 9, 2023*

**Officiating**

*Father Tom Clement                      Father Bill Hamak  
Deacon Jim Bregel*

**Lector**

*Deacon Jim Bregel*

**Music**

*Linda Potter                                      St. James Choir*

**Casketbearers**

*Chris Hopkins                                      Jenna Reis  
Ashley Overweg                                  Matt Bunker  
Brooke Allen                                      Tiernan Creamer  
Chase Hopkins                                      Dylan Hopkins*

**Honorary Bearers**

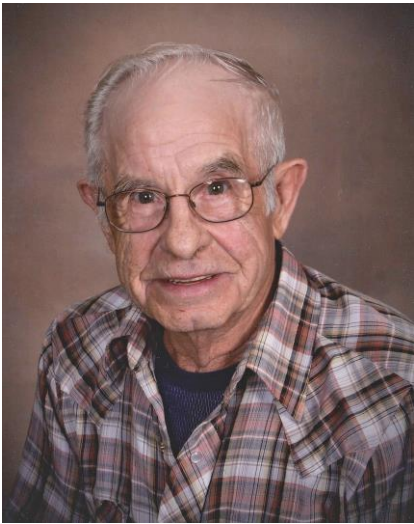
*All Everett's Grandchildren & Great Grandchildren*

**Interment**

*St. Procopius Catholic Cemetery, Red Lake, SD*

*Everyone is invited for lunch & fellowship in the community center immediately following the funeral services.*

*Arrangements By: Hickey Funeral Home, Chamberlain, SD*



*E*verett Allen Hopkins Jr. was born March 23, 1942 at Fort Thompson, SD to Everett Hopkins Sr. and Margaret (Fleury) Hopkins. He attended school at Fort Thompson through the eighth grade and graduated from Pukwana High School in Pukwana, SD.

On May 28, 1960, Everett was united in marriage to Florence “Tootsie” Pazour and to this union eleven children were born.

He spent many years working and farming for Sanford Hrabe and later acquiring and purchasing his own farm ground. Milking cows helped supplement the family’s income, along with the farming operation. Farming was in his blood, as at the age of 80 he was still climbing into the tractor or combine to help with the farm work.

His winters were spent in the shop, with the wood stove cranked up, working on his woodworking projects, with many family members being the recipient of those gifts.

As his children were growing up, Sunday evenings were spent playing baseball and always giving someone who couldn’t hit the ball, the chance to have many tries, as he would say it was a foul or a tick.

Everett was a member of St. Anthony’s Catholic Church in Pukwana before it closed.

Everett passed away at home surrounded by his wife and children on January 5, 2023. Gratefully sharing his life are his wife of 62 years Florence Hopkins of Pukwana, SD; children Debi Ruiz, Rick Hopkins and wife Penny, Chuck Hopkins and wife Rochelle, Bonnie Luurs and husband Ron, Janet Petrak and husband Mel, Shelly Overweg and husband Larry, Rita Karlen and husband Brad, Danita Allen, Paula Creamer and husband Gene, Ron Hopkins and wife Dawn, and Tom Hopkins and wife Sara; 27 grandchildren; four step grandchildren; six great grandchildren; and six step great grandchildren.

Preceding him in death were his parents, Everett Sr. and Margaret Hopkins; sisters Delores Miller, Colleen Hendrickson, Tracy LaRoche, and Detta McGhee; a brother, Vilas Hopkins Sr; two grandsons Derek Hopkins and Ethen Hopkins; and two sons-in-law Jim Bunker and Billy Ruiz.

*Everett’s dream...*



*...His life*