



## Mass of Christian Burial

10:30 AM Thursday, April 3, 2025  
St. Mary Catholic Church  
Dell Rapids, South Dakota

### Celebrant

Fr. Shane Stevens

### Music

“I Heard The Voice Of Jesus Say”  
“The Lord Is My Shepherd”  
“Gift Of Finest Wheat”  
“Song of Farewell”  
“Now Thank We All Our God”

*St. Mary's  
Funeral Choir*

### Pallbearers

Ryan Nielsen Jared Nielsen Eric Hilmoe  
Seth Hilmoe Zachary Hilmoe Paul Nielsen

### Interment

St. Mary Catholic Cemetery  
Dell Rapids, South Dakota

*The family of Leroy Nielsen would like to invite you for a meal  
in the church fellowship hall following the committal service.*



# Leroy A. Nielsen

**1927 ~ 2025**



Leroy was born on November 10, 1927, to Jens and Jenny (Tholound) Nielsen at the Dell Rapids Hospital. He grew up on the farm west of Dell Rapids along with his sister, Francis.

On February 3, 1948 he was joined in marriage to Mary Jean Munk at St. Mary Catholic Church in Dell Rapids. The couple farmed and raised their family west of Dell Rapids. They were married for 62 years, most of it spent on the farm.

Leroy had many joys in life including spending time with his grandkids, farming, golfing, bowling, traveling and coffee with his friends. He was a huge fan of the Minnesota Twins, Timberwolves and Vikings and loved to watch St. Mary's basketball.

Leroy and Mary Jean had 5 children, James (Karen) Nielsen of Dell Rapids, SD, Susan (Don) Hilmoe of Sioux Falls, SD, Paul (Rosie) Nielsen and Terry (Renee) Nielsen, all of Dell Rapids, SD. They have 15 grandkids and 31 great grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents; wife, Mary Jean; sister, Francis Albrecht; son, Stevan; and grandson, Jonathan Nielsen.

## Let Me Go

When I come to the end of the road  
And the sun has set for me  
I want no rites in a gloom filled room  
Why cry for a soul set free?

Miss me a little, but not for long  
And not with your head bowed low  
Remember the love that once we shared  
Miss me, but let me go.

For this is a journey we all must take  
And each must go alone.  
It's part of the master plan  
A step on the road to home.

When you are lonely and sick at heart  
Go to the friends we know.  
Laugh at all the things we used to do  
Miss me, but let me go.

