

Close The Gate

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 the barn;
your work here 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 on to your kin;
the stories flow like fine wine,
Wash off your work boots in the puddle
left by 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

Joseph Mulder

June 24, 1928 – May 23, 2021



Joseph Ernest Mulder was born June 24, 1928 at Sioux Center, IA the son of Ernest and Margaret (VanDeest) Mulder. He grew up in Sioux Center and graduated from high school in 1946. He was united in marriage with Leora VanRoekel June 24, 1948 in Sheldon, IA. They farmed at Sioux Center before moving to a farm in the Montevideo area in 1950. Joe enjoyed farming and helping the neighbors when needed.

Joe and Leora both enjoyed community sports such as softball and bowling. Both Joe and Leora were inducted into the Minnesota Softball Hall of Fame. They were also involved in many card clubs throughout the years. Joe was active in Hope Reformed Church for over 70 years,

serving as deacon and an elder for several years. Joe and Leora were always supportive of their family and enjoyed attending the many activities that they were involved in.

He is survived by his wife, Leora; five children: Ronald (Ann) Mulder, Sheryl (Bob) Sickels, Greg (Carol) Mulder, Lauren (Michelle) Mulder, Sandy (Steve Fenger) Weckwerth; grandchildren: Michael (Cindy) Mulder, Sara Mulder, Jason (Coreen) Schoep, Amy (Brad) Pederson, Chad (Tammy) Schoep, Joel (Megan) Mulder, Jeffrey (Tiffanea) Mulder, Eric (Selam) Mulder, Ben (Alexis Jensen) Mulder, Michael (Josie) Jordan, Zachary (Michelle) Weckwerth, Justin Weckwerth; great-grandchildren: Trent Mulder, Garrett Mulder, Jenna Fryar, Keegan Fryar, Danielle (Jordan) Hirsch, Colton (Erin Flammang) Schoep, Jaden Schoep, Dalton Pederson, Mason Pederson, Brooklyn Pederson, Sierra Schoep, Cameron Schoep, Griffin Schoep, Sawyer Schoep, Emma Mulder, Sadie Mulder, Addison Mulder, Jeffrey Richard Mulder, II, Kasidy Weckwerth, Maizey Weckwerth; great-great grandchildren: Avery Hirsch, Weston Hirsch, Isabella Schoep; as well as extended family and friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents; brothers: James, Theron, Rodney and sister Jeanette DeBey.

Joe Mulder died Sunday, May 23, 2021 at Copper Glen Assisted Living in Montevideo at the age of 92.

Blessed be his memory.

Condolences can be sent online at: www.andersontebeest.com
Arrangements with Anderson - TeBeest Funeral Home, Montevideo, MN

Celebrating The Life Of

Joseph Ernest Mulder

FUNERAL SERVICE

Tuesday, June 1, 2021 - 11:00 AM

Hope Reformed Church

Montevideo

Processional

Words of Welcome

Greeting From the Family

Ron Mulder

Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen

Opening Prayer

Hymn Set

"How Great Thou Art"

#16

"Wonderful Grace Of Jesus"

#319

Scripture Readings

Ecclesiastes 3:1-8, Psalm 121

Meditation

John 11

Pastor Michael Merry

Hymn

"The Old Rugged Cross"

#247

Poem

"Close The Gate"

Justin Weckwerth

Special Music

"In The Garden"

Beth Sneller

Commendation

Benediction

Recessional

OFFICIANT

Pastor Michael Merry

MUSICIANS

Bev Sneller

Beth Sneller

CASKETBEARERS

Jason Schoep

Michael Mulder

Sara Mulder

Amy Pederson

Joel Mulder

Jeffrey Mulder

Chad Schoep

Eric Mulder

Benjamin Mulder

Michael Jordan

Zachary Weckwerth

Justin Weckwerth

FINAL RESTING PLACE

Sunset Memorial Cemetery

Montevideo, MN