

## 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 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.



## *Celebrating the Life of* **James "Jim" Madsen**

### DATE OF BIRTH

May 26, 1936

Jamestown, North Dakota

### DATE OF DEATH

March 27, 2021

Jamestown, North Dakota

### MASS OF CHRISTIAN BURIAL

2:00 p.m., Wednesday, March 31, 2021

St. James Basilica

Father Paul Kuhn ~ Deacon Ken Votava

### READINGS

Isaiah 25: 6a, 7-9

Thessalonians 4: 13-18

Gospel ~ John 14: 1-6

### PROCLAIMERS

Jill Brame ~ Richard Hamkens

### MUSIC

Kristen Lynch ~ Accompanist

Jon Dahl ~ Cantor

Amazing Grace

Jesus, Remember Me

Abba! Father

How Great thou Art

Song of Farewell

Soon and Very Soon

### URNBEARERS

Joseph Koll ~ David Schultz

### INTERMENT

Calvary Cemetery

Jamestown, North Dakota

James 'Jim' Martin Madsen, age 84, passed away peacefully, surrounded by family, on Saturday, March 27, 2021.

He was born May 26, 1936, in Jamestown, ND to Carsten and Lillian Madsen. He married his best friend and love, Angela Cysewski on September 3, 1955. Together they raised four wonderful daughters on the Madsen Simmental and Grain family farm of Jamestown.

Grandpa Jim was strongly devoted to his family, faith and community. Having had served on the Bloom Oil Company Board, Jamestown School Board, North Dakota Simmental Association and the Basilica of St. James Finance Committee, Jim led with integrity and a strong work ethic. He truly enjoyed spending his free time outdoors with family and friends fishing, hunting and long afternoon country drives. When the dust settled,

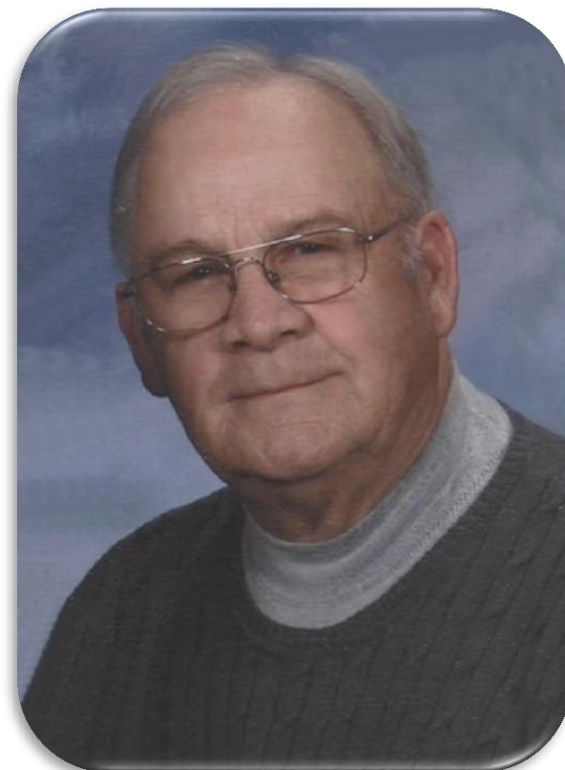
Grandpa Jim would sit in his recliner to read a Louis L'Amour western novel with the coined phrase, 'cool me a coke and pop me some corn.'



Jim is survived by his wife, Angela, of 65 years, daughters Mary (Doug) Caskey of Richmond, MN, Kathy (Scott) King of Malta, MT, Nancy (George) Dahl of Jamestown, ND, and Jeanne (Bob) Schultz of Fargo, ND. His ten grandchildren: Danielle (Brian) Kammermeier, Angela (Kirk) Grannes, David (Kristen) Schultz, Jill (David) Brame, Sarah (Adam) Miller, Joseph (Cara) Koll, Jon (Lisa) Dahl, Kayla (Tom) Uhler, Suzanna Koll and Megan

Schultz; and, 13 great grandchildren, 'the little critters.' Jim is also survived by his brothers Robert Madsen of Lake Havasu, AZ and Richard (Linda) Madsen of Fort Morgan, CO, sister-in-law, Sylvia (Chuck) Woldum of Bloomington, MN and brother-in-law Thomas (Evonne) Cysewski of Billings, MT. He was preceded in death by his parents, in-laws Joseph and Agnes Cysewski, son-in-law, Wesley Koll, sisters-in-law Betty Madsen and Marjorie Clemens and brother-in-law Gene Cysewski.

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