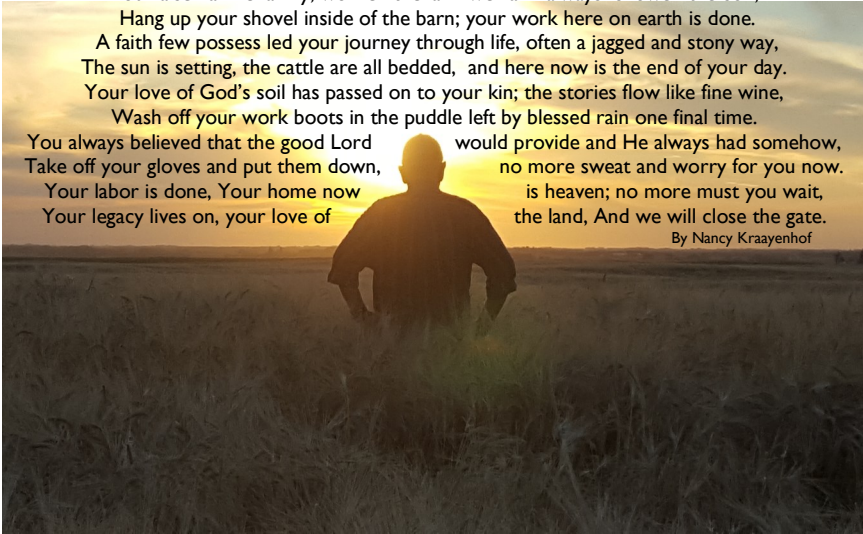


CLOSE THE GATE

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.

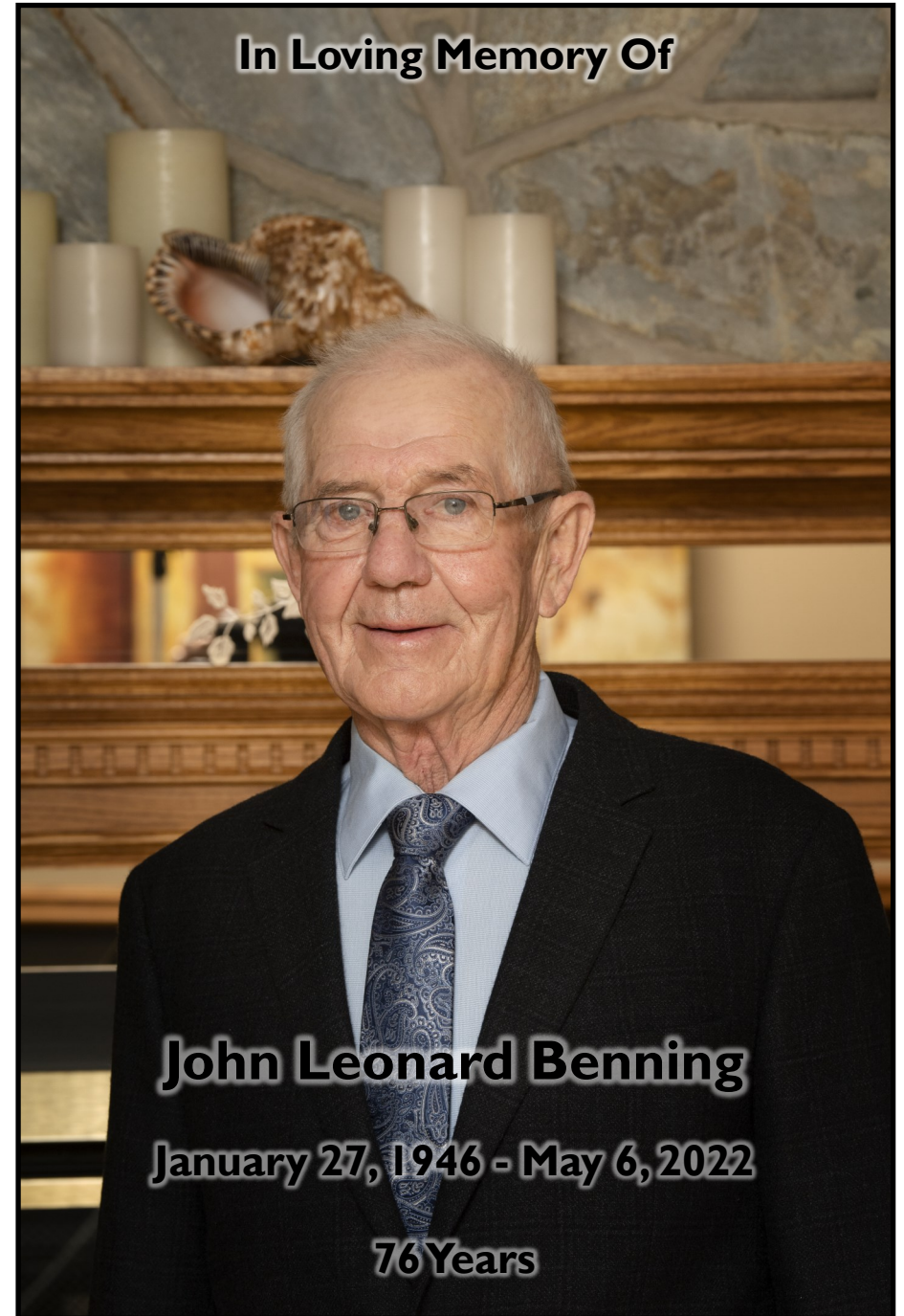
You always believed that the good Lord would provide and He always had somehow,
Take off your gloves and put them down, no more sweat and worry for you now,
Your labor is done, Your home now is heaven; no more must you wait,
Your legacy lives on, your love of the land, And we will close the gate.

By Nancy Kraayenhof



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In Loving Memory Of



John Leonard Benning

January 27, 1946 - May 6, 2022

76 Years

John was born January 27, 1946 to Anthony and Mary (nee Saretsky) Benning. He was raised on the farm, where he lived his whole life. He attended Banner School until grade 8, then attended St. Peter's College as a day scholar where he finished his grade 12. During these years, John participated in 4-H, hockey and track.

John and his dad worked together on the family farm with John eventually taking over the mixed farming operation, growing grain and raising both cattle and pigs. Throughout his many years of farming, John employed both seasonal and full time workers and enjoyed forming relationships with each of them. He also loved raising animals and was thrilled last year when he had his first ever set of triplet calves. Spring was always his favorite season as it meant being able to witness the frisky calves, bouncing and bucking around, so full of energy. In his later years, he watched his son and son-in-law take over the family farm, helping the boys whenever needed, while still maintaining a small herd of cattle.

On July 17, 1971, John married Gladys Strueby and they moved into a small trailer on the Benning family farm. In 1980, after John's parents moved to Humboldt, John and Gladys moved into the main farmhouse with their two children and were blessed with two more after the move. John made sure to support his children in their endeavours whether it was homework help at the kitchen table, carting them to their many sports practices and games, or even finding himself coaching girls soccer, which required some learning on the job. He was also a community minded person and a member of numerous groups including the Muenster School Board and St. Scholastica Parish Council. His faith and community were of utmost importance to him as he was always willing to help out whenever needed.

John had many interests and enjoyed watching a wide range of sports with hockey and football being his favorites. He enjoyed attending concerts, musicals, and had a special love of instrumental music. Always eager to learn new things he enjoyed reading the Western Producer, bull sales magazines and crop production publications. John was a people person; he loved visiting and it was never a quick trip anywhere he went because of it. He also enjoyed gardening, especially working with fruit trees and berries.

John loved his four grandchildren and would often play hide and seek, take them for tractor and combine rides and teach them about the cattle when they came out with him for chores. He loved attending their baseball, fastball and hockey games as well as watching their dance and piano recitals.

John will be deeply missed and forever remembered by his wife of 50 years **Gladys**; 4 children and 4 grandchildren: **Jodine** Benning of Myrnam, AB; **Andrew** Benning of Humboldt; **Chantale** Benning of Saskatoon; and **Candace** (Myles) Schleper and family *Jaxson, Jozie, Tye, and Allivia* of Humboldt, SK; brothers and sisters: Larry (Rosalie) Benning of Muenster, Mary Anne Telfer of Humboldt, and Carol (Dale) Bergermann of Humboldt; in-laws: Maureen Benning of Humboldt, Joan Benning of Medicine Hat, AB, Liz Benning of Sandy Lake, AB, and Paulette Benning of Saskatoon; and by in-laws of the Strueby family. John was predeceased by his parents Anthony and Mary Benning, his siblings: George (Emma) Benning, Bernard Benning, Edward Benning, Elmer Benning, and Richard Benning, and brother-in-law Donald Telfer.

Prayer Service

Wednesday, May 11, 2022 7:00 p.m.
St. Scholastica Roman Catholic Church
Burr, Saskatchewan

Presider Fr. Colin Roy

Reader Michelle Benning **Intercessions** Caroline Hinz

Eulogy Carol Bergermann, Mary Anne Telfer, Dave Grueter

Music Ministry St. Scholastica Parish Choir

Special Music "The Rose" Jozie Schleper



Funeral Mass

Thursday, May 12, 2022 2:00 p.m.
St. Augustine Roman Catholic Church
Humboldt, Saskatchewan

Celebrant Abbot Peter Novecosky, OSB

Crossbearer Jaxson Schleper

Readers Bernard Moellenbeck & Lori Benning

Intercessions Kurt Benning

Gift Bearers Jaxson, Jozie, Tye, & Allivia Schleper

Altar Servers Ben Bergermann & Nathan Bergermann

Music Ministry St. Augustine Parish Funeral Choir

Honorary Pallbearers

"All those who worked with John on the farm"

Pallbearers

Erin Telfer Jenna Benning Myles Schleper
Brian Benning Robert Benning Dave Grueter

Interment

St. Augustine Roman Catholic Cemetery

Memorial Table Attendants Florian & Betty Possberg

Memorial Donations

STARS Foundation, St. Mary's Villa Foundation or
St. Scholastica Cemetery Fund

*The music played before each of the services is a recording of
John's brother, Larry Benning*