

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 of
**John Wayne
Schroeder**

August 1, 1957
August 14, 2019

Service

Monday, August 19, 2019 – 11:00 am
Redeemer Lutheran Church, Willmar, Minnesota

Prelude	Deb Bremseth, accompanist
Processional	Psalm 23
Hymn #744 vs. 1-3	<i>Amazing Grace</i>
Invocation and Apostles' Creed	
Remembrance of Baptism	
Kyrie, Salutation and Collect	
Scripture	John 14:1-3; Isaiah 41:10
Hymn #739	<i>Precious Lord, Take My Hand</i>
Message	Pastor Matt Canion
Special Music	
Prayer of the Church	
The Lord's Prayer, Nunc Dimittis and Collect	
Benediction and The Table Prayers	
Hymn #923	<i>Almighty Father, Bless the Word</i>

Interment

St. John Cemetery, rural Atwater, Minnesota

John Wayne Schroeder was born on August 1, 1957, to Wayne and LeeAnn (Heining) Schroeder in Willmar. He grew up on the family farm south of Atwater where he started farming with his parents and brothers at a young age. John attended country school at St. John Lutheran and graduated from Atwater High school in 1975, where he received the nickname "Farmer" from his classmates. John and his two children: Michael "Mikey" and Stephanie "Bertie" became a family when John was united in marriage to Lori Strege on October 3, 1981 at Redeemer Lutheran Church. John's dad passed away in 1979 and Bill Houselog became his step-father in 1983. In 1982, John and Lori moved to the farm where John continued to milk cows and farm the land. Over the years he worked for many area farmers. John started J & L Express hauling feed, while also raising beef cattle for family and friends where there was always a wait list for that Schroeder beef. John loved spending time with his wife, children, family and friends. He enjoyed hunting, especially deer, and going on snowmobile trips to Yellowstone. Many times, Lori caught him watching westerns, it didn't matter how old they were just as long as they didn't sing. However, if they did sing, he'd just stop it for a while or fast forward through it. John could always find a nickname for friends and also for his nieces and nephews like Spike, Justmiester, Lil Girl, Dolly, Buck and Louie. Every night John would go on a Ranger ride with his border collie, Toby, who was a cattle dog in training. He was a loving husband, father, son, brother, uncle and friend.

John is survived by his wife, Lori of Atwater; children: Michael Schroeder of Bemidji and Stephanie (Justin Gronseth) Schroeder of Willmar; brothers: Steven Schroeder and Rodney (Denise) Schroeder both of Atwater and parents, Bill and LeeAnn Houselog of Grove City; and other extended family and friends.

He was preceded in death by his father, Wayne, brother-in-law and sister-in-law Charles and Judy Strege, and nephews, Ryan Strege and Brock Schroeder.

