

# CHERISHING THE MEMORIES





## *Final Harvest*

*He was bound to the land from the day of his birth  
His roots anchored deep in the fertile earth  
Nurtured, sustained, by the soil he grew  
And his life, like furrows, ran straight and true.*

*In faith, each spring, he planted the seeds  
In hope, to reap his family's needs  
With patience, he waited for the harvest to come  
To gather the fruits of his labor home.*

*Ever turning seasons, the years sped past  
Till the final harvest came at last  
Then claimed anew by beloved sod  
He was gathered home to be with God.*

*- Barbara W. Weber*

CELEBRATING THE LIFE OF

# JOHN WOELL



**GRAVESIDE SERVICE**

St. Leo's Catholic Cemetery

Casselton, North Dakota

Friday, May 15, 2020 - 2:00 p.m.

**PRESIDER**

Father James Ermer

**READERS**

Scott Buchholz - Obituary

Katie Buchholz - Scripture

**HONORARY BEARERS**

*His Step-Children*

Jerry                      Jean

JoAnne                    Tom

Denny                     Patricia

Kathy                      Cindie



*The family wishes to express their appreciation for your kindness and support during this difficult time.*

**JOHN WOELL**

## REMEMBERING THE LIFE OF....

John James Woell, 97, a lifelong resident of Casselton, ND passed away peacefully on May 9<sup>th</sup> at Lilac Homes Assisted Living Memory Care in Moorhead under Hospice care. John had been residing at Maple View Memory Care for the last few years because of advancing dementia, renal disease and became infected with the COVID virus and was transferred to an advanced facility in Moorhead for further treatment where he died. While at Maple View, John received the best of care, and a lot of personalized attention from the entire staff.

John was born on October 8, 1922 to Henry and Clara (Langer) Woell on their farm near Casselton, ND. He was diagnosed with polio as a youngster and spent time away from home at a hot springs treatment facility, which he claimed cured his polio. He attended Casselton Public School and went into farming until 1960 when he started to clear trees, level fields and moved buildings for a living. In 1966 he started working for American Crystal Sugar which continued for 41 more years. While working there, he was again driving a back hoe, which he loved and became a foreman. The friendships he developed with coworkers carried over after retirement and lasted throughout the years.

After retirement from Crystal Sugar, John kept busy collecting coins, attending auctions and any other activity where he could visit with people. He also enjoyed reading the daily newspaper from front to back, playing cards, watching the Twins games and collecting John Deere antique tractors.

John married Inez Buchholz (Miller) on July of 1980 and shortly thereafter wanted a special place for his "bride" and they purchased the Grosvenor Mansion in Casselton. Through the marriage John gained 8 stepchildren which he often offered advice and help as was needed. At family gatherings John would be busy telling endless stories on his accompanying then Sen. Wild Bill Langer around the country as his driver and body guard, and the stories got better every time he told them.

John is survived by his wife Inez Woell (Miller) of 40 years, 8 stepchildren: Jerry (Cindy) Buchholz, Coleharbor, ND; Jean (Greg) Wilcox, Casselton, ND; JoAnne (Brad) Glarum, Mooreton, ND; Tom Buchholz, Fargo, ND; Denny (Elizabeth Dewald) Buchholz, Casselton, ND; Patricia (Loren) Freiborg, Fargo, ND; Kathy Valdez, DeSoto, IL; Cindie (Dale) Althoff, Mooreton, ND; 21 step grandchildren, 27 step great grandchildren, 1 step great great grandchild, a niece and nephews.

John was preceded in death by parents Henry and Clara (Langer) Woell, siblings, Mary Audry Parnell, Bill (Justine) Woell, Frank (Margaret) Woell, Joe (Lillian) Woell, and nephews Charles Woell and Bill Woell.

