esley N. Huffman, age 77, of Sioux Rapids, Iowa died October 13, 2021 at Avera McKennan Hospital in Sioux Falls, South Dakota.

Wesley Newton Huffman was born on August 8, 1944, to Ruth Marie (Eaton) and David Wesley Huffman. He was born at his Uncle Claude and Aunt Lois O'Claire's house in Clay County, Iowa. Wes attended Cornell School until it consolidated with Sioux Rapids in 1959, his sophomore year. He earned many medals in track, including several at the state track meets. After graduating in 1962 from Sioux Rapids, he moved to Fort Dodge and worked at Coats Manufacturing for 5 years. He then worked at the Fort Dodge Labs the following 7 years. He was a member of the Army National Guard for 6 years. He met his wife, Dolly, at a dance in Fort Dodge in 1965. They were married on May 13, 1967 in Humboldt, They lived in Badger, Iowa, and had two children, Kristi and Neil. His heart was still in farming, so the family moved back to Sioux Rapids where he farmed with his parents. They purchased their own farm in Linn Grove, Iowa. In addition to farming, Wes worked for Ranco Fertiservice for more than 30 years before retiring in August of 2010.

Those left who loved him are his wife of 54 years, Dolly (Iona Maurine Nostrom) Huffman; his daughter Kristi and her husband Jarrod Wickre and grandchildren Jordan (wife Ann) Wickre and Kendra Wickre; his son Neil Huffman and grandson, Kavian Huffman; and many other relatives and friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Dave and Ruth, and two brothers, Darwin and Louis, in addition to other family on Dolly's side.

# In Loving Memory



Wesley Newton Huffman

1944 - 2021

# A Farmer's Prayer

Lord, bless this farmland and the seeds we sow, Bless every animal and the crops we grow.

Thank you for the trusty tractors that tend our land, And for the strength and wisdom of every helping hand.

Grant us peace, comfort and guidance from above, So we may prosper and share our bountiful harvest with love.

And through your gracious gifts keep us safe from harm God's precious blessings of family, friends, and our farm.



# **Farming**

It is a job, full of long hours, in all temperatures, and lots of hard work. But it is so much more than that. It is scars, callouses, broken bones, stitches, and bruises. It is sunshine and storms, dirt under your nails, and straw in your boots. It is early mornings, late mornings, late nights, and long days. It is the joy of a good harvest, the beauty of a sunset, the peace in the barns. It is a calf in your kitchen, a dog in your truck, and freedom in your soul. It is faith, determination and accomplishment. It is fears, tears, laughter, and love. It is a way of life, a sense of pride, a family affair. It is home. And there is no place I would rather be.

—Cheryl Haden

IN MEMORY OF

# **Wesley Newton Huffman**

August 8, 1944 — October 13, 2021

#### MEMORIAL SERVICE

Saturday, October 23, 2021 at 5:00 p.m.
Sliefert Funeral Home
Sioux Rapids, Iowa

**CLERGY** 

**Charlie Gilmore** 

#### SPECIAL MUSIC

"Go Rest High on that Mountain"

"Daddy's Hands"

"Grandpa"

#### HONORARY CASKET BEARERS

Kendra Wickre, Kavian Huffman Jordan & Ann Wickre

# MILITARY RITES

Sioux Rapids American Legion Post #394

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We wish to express our sincere gratitude for the many kindnesses evidenced in thought and deed, and for your attendance at this service. Please join us for a reception immediately following the service.

- The Family of Wes Huffman