Russell M. Zink, age 91, of Carrington, ND, died Thursday, August 3, 2017, at Golden Acres Manor, Carrington.

Russell was born May 5, 1926, to Peter and Ruth (Murphy) Zink in Carrington. He attended school in Melville, ND, and graduated from Carrington High School in 1944.



On October 16, 1948, Russell married Cecilia Mae "Cedy" Wescom in Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Carrington. They made their home at the Zink farm, rural Carrington, where Russell was involved in farming and ranching until he moved into Golden Acres in January of 2017.

He was a member of the Melville Township Board and Melville School Board. He had also served on the ASCS board for many years. Most of all, Russell was a farmer, rancher, father, friend and husband. Russell also enjoyed "Prayer Night" with his poker buddies!

Russell is survived by eight sons, Peter, Dean (Becky), Jerome (Patty), all of Carrington, Dan (Cindy) of Oxbow, ND, Tom (Carmel) of Carrington, Tony (Lori) of Loveland, CO, Wayne (DeAnna) of Grand Forks, ND, and Bob (Julie) of LaCrosse, WI; two daughters, Jane (Kevin) Lura of Carrington, and Mary T. Roth of Forman, ND; 29 grandchildren; 24 great-grandchildren; two sisters, Eileen and Margaret. Russell enjoyed spending time with all of his 102 descendants!

He was preceded in death by his parents, his wife Cedy, an infant daughter, a son-in-law, Rick Roth, a daughter-in-law, Bonita Zink, brothers Maurice and Eugene, and a sister, Adele Smouse. In Loving Memory Of Russell M. Zink May 5, 1926 – August 3, 2017



A Farmer's Hands

Hands that are large and tough from years of rugged outdoor work.

Hands with fingers sensitive to music, but too thick to strike just one key on a piano, or a single string on a violin.

Hands that are versatile, simultaneously wielding an ax and swiping a fistful of berries from a nearby bush.

Hands that clasp themselves habitually in prayer giving thanks for food, for rain, for sun, for late frosts, early springs, good yield, for soil, for health, for a newborn calf.

Hands that are strong, squeezing out a pail full of milk in just no time, pulling strands of barbed wire taut, carrying mountains of hay and oceans of water to hungry thirsty farm creatures.

Hands that are gentle, marveling out at the softness of a furry kitten, rescuing a killdeer's nest from the path of the plow, patting the shoulder of a disappointed child.

Hands that are inventive, twisting, pounding, pinching until a machine is fixed, shaping an idea into something useful.

Hands that are tired from over a half century of tilling, planting, weeding, harvesting.

In Loving Memory Of Russell M. Zink

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ROSARY AND VIGIL SERVICE

Monday, August 7, 2017 6:45PM Rosary – 7:00PM Vigil Service Sacred Heart Catholic Church Carrington, ND

MASS OF CHRISTIAN BURIAL

Tuesday, August 8, 2017 – 2:00PM Sacred Heart Catholic Church Carrington, ND

> OFFICIATING Father Terry Dodge

SPECIAL MUSIC Sacred Heart Church Choir Jennifer Hoornaert, Pianist DeAnna Zink & Keaton Erickson, Vocalists

CASKET BEARERS

Russell's Children Peter, Dean, Jerome, Dan, Tom Tony, Wayne, Bob, Jane, Mary

> BURIAL Carrington Cemetery

Arrangements By Evans Funeral Home – Carrington & New Rockford, ND www.EvansFuneralHomeND.com

Hands that we love – a farmer's hands.