

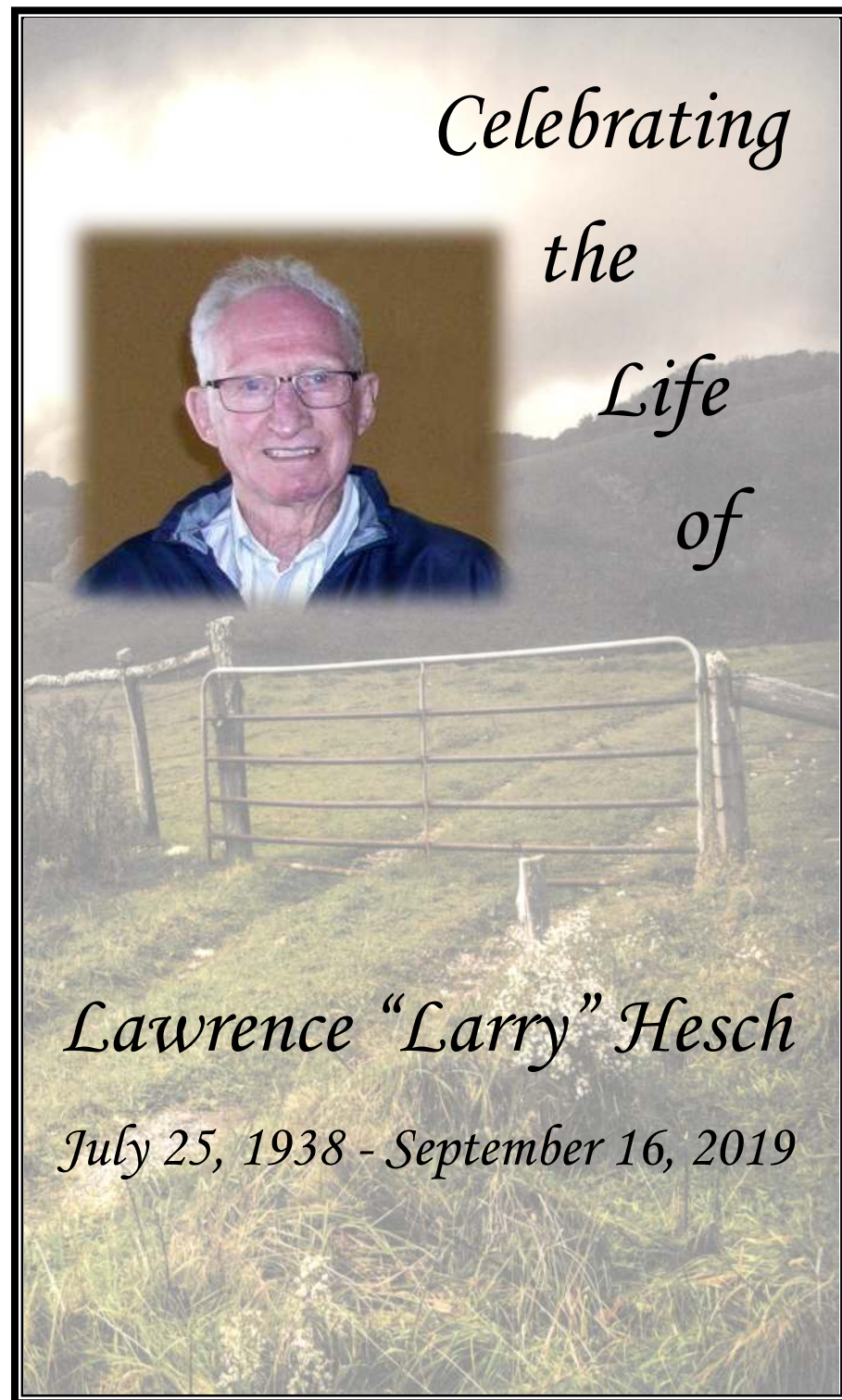
Lawrence “Larry” Joseph Hesch, age 81, of Carrington, ND, died Monday, September 16, 2019 at Golden Acres Manor Nursing Home in Carrington, after a short period with cancer.

Larry was born in Valley City, ND, and was raised in Eckelson, ND, the son of Garvis and Bernice (Stroh) Hesch. He was a lifelong resident of Woodworth and Carrington where he ranched for 19 years and then retired, but remained very active on the ranch up until June of 2019.

In his early years, Larry enjoyed playing his guitar and accordion in the band Country Roads for many years. He also enjoyed working and hauling livestock for himself and many others in the area. Many of times you could find him out on the farm making hay or having his morning “coffee” at Runnings in Carrington stocking shelves.....even though he wasn’t an employee, he knew where everything was and where it went.

Larry leaves his wife of 34 years, Sharon (Flemmer) Hesch; two sons, Leslie (Melanie) Hesch and Terry (Marshall Ziesch) Hesch; one daughter, Cindy (Wes) McElroy; seven grandchildren and two great grandchildren; his step-children, Roxanne (James) Wiest, Janelle (Patrick) Stocking, Lonnie (Eileen) Schaffer and Todd (Erin) Schaffer; eleven step-grandchildren and thirteen step-great grandchildren; one brother, Duane (Linda) Hesch; one sister, Cheryl (Bruce) Foster; many nieces, nephews, and many close friends.

He is preceded in death by his parents, grandparents, nephews Kyle and Jeramie Foster, and step-son Scott Schaffer.



Hesch Ranch

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Close the Gate

For this one rancher 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 under the hot, summer sun,
Hang up your pitchfork inside the barn;
your work on earth is done.

A faith few possess led your journey thru 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 good beer,
Wash off your boots in the puddle of rain,
for there is nothing more to fear.

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 yes, Dad . . . we will close the gate.

by Nancy Kraayenhof

In Loving Memory of

Lawrence J. Hesch

July 25, 1938 - Valley City, ND

September 16, 2019 - Carrington, ND

PRAYER SERVICE

Thursday, September 19, 2019 ~ 7:00PM

Grace Lutheran Church, Carrington

FUNERAL SERVICE

Friday, September 20, 2019 ~ 10:30AM

Grace Lutheran Church, Carrington

OFFICIATING

Rev. Richard Biberdorf

SPECIAL MUSIC

Darwin Solberg ~ Soloist

Clara Edwardson ~ Pianist

CONGREGATIONAL HYMNS

Take My Life and Let It Be

Just A Closer Walk With Thee

CASKET BEARERS

Wade Hesch ~ Perry Hesch ~ Jim Diede

Tim Schroeder ~ Jerome Greenshields ~ Eldon Redlin

HONORARY BEARERS

Larry's Family and Close Friends

BURIAL

Carrington Cemetery

Arrangements by

Evans Funeral Home - Carrington & New Rockford, ND

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