

James Sears, age 72, of Carrington, formerly of Aneta, ND, died peacefully, Thursday, December 2, 2021 at Golden Acres Manor, Carrington after a valiant battle with cancer in 2015 and then a two-year battle with ALS.

James Daniel Sears, was born August 8, 1949, in Sharon, ND, to Harvey and Mary Jane (Zimprich) Sears. James attended school in Sharon through elementary, continuing his education and graduating from Aneta High School in 1967. He was baptized, attended church, was confirmed and married in Sacred Heart Catholic Church, Aneta, ND.

Upon graduation James attended NDSU. He then returned home to work on the farm; ranching, farming and attending the dairy cows. James was united in marriage to Mary (Reilly) Nelson, November, 7, 1975; gaining both a wife and a son Nicholas. James and Mary were blessed with four beautiful daughters, Joanna, Kathleen, Bridget and Teresa. His family was always the most important part of his life. They raised their family and stayed on the farm until 2018. James and Mary then moved to Grand Forks until August 2021, when they relocated to Carrington.

He worked on the farm raising cattle, turkeys and small grains. From 1992 -1997 James worked for Huso Farms in Aneta. He drove bus for many years for both Dakota Prairie and Northwood Schools. James had also worked at Twete Inc. as a parts man in McVile.

He was a member at Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Aneta, a church trustee and treasurer. He was a third-degree Knight and a member of the Knights of Columbus. James was on the Griggs County Library board, the Sheyenne Valley Co-op advisory council and the St. Lawrence Parish Council. He was also active on the Aneta Fire District as Secretary and Treasurer and the Treasurer for the Lenora Township.

James is survived by his loving wife of 46 years Mary; five children, Nicholas Sears (Paula Lovgren), Moorhead, MN, Joanna (Brent) Lee, Carrington, Kathleen Sears, Maddock, ND, Bridget (Jared) Matt, Carrington, Teresa (Travis) Stepan, Robbinston, ME; nine grandchildren, Justin Lee, Tyler Lee, Elizabeth Lee, Nicole Lee, Abigail Lee, Jennie Lee, Reilly Matt, Andrew Matt, Sophia Stepan and many cousins.

He was preceded in death by his parents Harvey and Mary Jane Sears; several aunts, uncles, and cousins.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that Masses be said for James, or a donation given to your favorite charity.

Celebrating

THE LIFE OF



James Sears

AUGUST 8, 1949 – DECEMBER 2, 2021



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 pailful 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.

Hands that we love – a farmer's hands.

Celebrating The Life Of

James Daniel Sears

August 8, 1949 – Sharon, ND

December 2, 2021 – Carrington, ND

VISITATION

Sunday, December 5, 2021

5:00PM-7:00PM

Evans Funeral Home, Carrington, ND

ROSARY & VIGIL SERVICE

Sunday, December 5, 2021 ~ 7:00PM

Evans Funeral Home, Carrington, ND

MASS OF CHRISTIAN BURIAL

Monday, December 6, 2021 ~ 10:30AM

St. Lawrence Catholic Church, Jessie, ND

OFFICIATING

Father Dale Kinzler

Father Terry Dodge

SPECIAL MUSIC

Sharon Heinz ~ Organist

Shelley Zimprich ~ Soloist

Ava Maria

PALLBEARERS

Tim Zimprich ~ Charles Zimprich ~ Allan Sears

Randy Ressler ~ Dan Heinz ~ Randy Zimprich

HONORARY PALLBEARERS

Grandchildren

Justin Lee ~ Tyler Lee ~ Elizabeth Lee ~ Nicole Lee

Abigail Lee ~ Jennie Lee ~ Reilly Matt

Andrew Matt ~ Sophia Stepan

BURIAL

Sacred Heart Catholic Cemetery, Aneta, ND

Arrangements by

Evans Funeral Home – Carrington & New Rockford, ND

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