

**Edwin Lefor** was born June 8, 1934 in Lefor, ND, the son of Mathias and Katherine (Martin) Lefor. He grew up on the family farm northeast of Lefor which was homesteaded in 1898 by Edwin's great-great-grandmother. On September 28, 1955 Edwin and Delores K. Martin were united in marriage at St. Thomas Catholic Church in Gladstone. Together the couple took over management of the dairy and small grains farm for over 40 years before retiring to Dickinson in 1995. During this time on the farm, they raised four children: DeNae, Joan, Arlys, and Deran. Edwin loved being on the farm; spending time harvesting in his 510 Massey and milking his dairy cows until his retirement. He was a skilled carpenter and woodworker. He could often be found tinkering with various projects as he was able to fix anything. Edwin was the primary mechanic and driver for his 1924 Model T Ford pickup, and was proud of his 1928 Chevrolet truck which he overhauled and restored. Edwin believed in giving back to his community. As a young boy, he was involved in 4-H and later volunteered as a leader. He served on the Farmer's Union Elevator Board and was a member of the Stark County Farmers Union Board; serving as chairman. Edwin's deep faith was evident as he offered up prayers for family, crops, and rain, and prayed the Rosary on a daily basis throughout his life. He was a member of St. Elizabeth Catholic Church in Lefor where he served as a Trustee, Eucharistic Minister, and Rosary Leader. He was a 3rd Degree member of Lefor Knights of Columbus Council #5477, eventually rising to the rank of Grand Knight. Later, Edwin was initiated into 4th Degree, and was elected Faithful Navigator. After moving to Dickinson, the couple joined St. Wenceslaus Catholic Church. Edwin enjoyed traveling with Delores on various bus tours. They were fortunate to travel to New York, Wisconsin Dells, Florida, and Disneyland. Edwin's great passion in life was his family. Spending time with and following his grandchildren in their sports and school activities brought him tremendous joy. Edwin was known for his kindness, and for always saying "I love you more." We feel truly blessed to have had such a wonderful person to call "Dad", "Grandpa" and "Great Grandpa" Ed is survived by his four children; DeNae (Terry) Henderson of Hettinger, Joan (Mel) Stoltz of Valley City, Arlys (Tom) Jorda of Dickinson, and Deran (Tina) Lefor of Gladstone; ten grandchildren, Brett (Amie) Henderson, Lindsey

(Cory) Drevecky, Kyle Henderson, Tyler (Kadie) Stoltz, Tiffany (Casey) Freidig, Mariah, Cameron, and Lauren Jorda, and Ransly and Shaylyn Lefor; 10 great-grandchildren; Alyssa, Luke, and Olivia Henderson, Sloan, Trypp, and Gage Stoltz, and Madelyn, Hadley, Beckett, and Ryker Drevecky; and sister Caroline Rettig of Dickinson. He is also survived by members of the Martin family: Veronica (Alfred) Dassinger, Marlene Moore, Elaine (Bob) Burns, and Dorothy Martin. He was preceded in death by his wife, Delores; his parents, Mathias and Katherine Lefor; brother and sister-in-law, Richard and Marian Lefor; and brother-in-law Gerald Rettig. Edwin was also preceded in death by members of the Martin family: his mother and father-in-law, Frank and Veronica Martin; Dora (Frank) Schummer, Frank (Lena) Martin, Eva (Ernest) Focht, Margaret (Ray) Haysom, Spud (Ethelyn) Martin, Marian (John) Bleth, Anton (Elvira) Martin, Josephine (Allen) Rust, Evelyn (Andrew) Sickler, Jesse Moore, LeRoy Martin, and Joyce (Allen) Kostelecky.

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June 8, 1934 - January 8, 2019





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## **FUNERAL MASS:**

Saturday, January 12, 2019 10:00 a.m.  
St. Wencelaus Catholic Church  
Dickinson, North Dakota

## **ROSARY & VIGIL SERVICE:**

Friday, January 11, 2019 7:00 p.m.  
Stevenson Funeral Home  
Dickinson, North Dakota  
Deacon Bob Stockert

## **CELEBRATING:**

Father Jordan Dosch

## **MUSIC:**

Organist- Margo Frank  
Soloist: Dinah Eslinger  
Song of Farewell: Shaylyn Lefor

## **READERS:**

Lindsey Drevecky & Tyler Stoltz

## **SERVERS:**

Nathan Kaufman & Bailey Urlacher

## **PALLBEARERS:**

Brett Henderson	Lindsey Drevecky
Kyle Henderson	Tyler Stoltz
Tiffany Freidig	Mariah Jorda
Cameron Jorda	Lauren Jorda
Ransly Lefor	Shaylyn Lefor

## **HONOR GUARD:**

4th Degree Knights of Columbus

## **INTERMENT:**

St. Joseph's Cemetery  
Dickinson, North Dakota

## **ARRANGEMENTS BY:**

Stevenson Funeral Home  
Dickinson, North Dakota

*Lunch will be served at the church  
following the graveside service.  
Everyone is welcome.*

You were a good son, a wonderful husband, kind hearted father, loving grandfather, great-grandfather and friend

Your life was full of roads well traveled to the end.

Some bringing laughter, some bringing tears/

You had so many talents; Farming was your first love (the milk cows, planting crops, and the bountiful harvest.), a Carpenter, a Mechanic, a Wood Worker just to name a few.

You taught us that faith, humor, patience, love and hope are the glue, That holds us together with great virtue. Shy of seven years ago you lost your best friend and wife. Oh' how you dreamed of being her Knight in Shining Armour once again in her life.

While in waiting, you poured your heart and soul into family, especially grandkids.

You loved watching them participating in sports, sing in the choir and act in the plays, in which you were very avid.

It didn't matter if they won or lost, missed a note or forgot a line. You were very proud of each of them, your eyes lit up when any one of them walked in the room,

and in the off season you never turned down a good game of cards to pass the time. We never thought you would go so soon. The angels were calling, We know you were torn between the two. You put up a great fight, but deep down you knew it was time to take flight.

Spread your wings with Jesus and loving wife.

We want you to know even though our hearts are full of sadness and our eyes filled with tears,

Do not fear! For we know you are at peace and we will always have all the fond memories to fill our hearts with joy until we meet again someday and will never part.

We Love You More Dad/Grandpa/Great-Grandpa!