Richard Edward Simon
(August 4, 1923 - February 3, 2010)

Richard Simon, 86, of Hoven, SD passed away at Holy Infant Hospital in Hoven on Wednesday, February 3, 2010 surrounded by family. Mass of Christian Burial will be 10:00am Saturday, February 6, 2010 at St. Anthony’s Catholic Church in Hoven with Fr. Brian Simon, Celebrant and Father Lance Oser, Concelebrant. Organist will be Alice Simon and St. Anthony’s Catholic Church Choir will provide music with Lexie Vogel as soloist. Vocal Selections will be “Here I Am, Lord”, “On Eagle’s Wings”, “Lead Me, Lord”, “One Bread, One Body”, “You Raise Me Up”, “I Know That My Redeemer Lives”, and “You Are Mine”. Mass Servers will be Stephen D. Simon, Brayden Vogel, and Garret Spindler. Lector will be Steve N. Simon. Offertory gift bearers will be granddaughters Jenny Kallstrom, Becky and Katie Lutter. Eucharistic Minister will be Joseph Nemec. Burial follows at St. Anthony’s Cemetery.

Visitation begins at the church at 4pm Friday with a 5pm Liturgical Wake Service.

Richard Edward Simon was born August 4, 1923, to Stephen F. and Anna Magdalena (Mellenbach) Simon at his parents’ farm five miles south of Hoven. He attended a rural school ¾ mile from his home. He attended Hoven High School, graduating in 1944. Following graduation, Richard worked in the shipyards at Bremerton, Wash. Upon returning home, he farmed with his dad and became manager of the Hoven Co-op Ass’n.

He married Florence Rose Rausch at Hoven on October 8, 1947. They purchased the Hoven Theatre in 1953 and ran it through 1959. He also became a Pioneer Seed Corn salesman at that time selling for over 40 years. In 1965 they bought the former Norbert Simon farm where they lived and farmed for several years and operated Simon Stack Moving, returning to town in 1980. Richard was a member of St. Anthony of Padua Catholic Church in Hoven, Catholic Aid Society, Catholic Order of Foresters, Knights of Columbus, Hoven Senior Center, and Hoven Service Club. In the past he had served on the Soil Conservation Service Board, Hoven City Council, and St. Anthony’s Parish Board and had been a Hoven Co-op Director.

Richard’s memory will be cherished by Florence his wife of 62 years, his children: Lila Jean (Gerald) Lacher, Lebanon, SD, Randy (Carol) Simon, Hoven, Cindy (Jim) Lutter, Gann Valley, SD and Bonnie Simon, Huron, SD,
his grandchildren: Jenny (Todd) Kallstrom, Hutchinson, MN, Robert (Becca) Lacher, Bismarck, ND, Patrick (Angie) Lacher, Bismarck, ND, Nick (Jamie) Simon, Groton, SD, Chris (Jenn) Simon, Ipswich, SD, Angela Simon, Boulder, CO, Josh Lutter, Brookings, SD, Becky Lutter, Brookings, and Katie Lutter, Gann Valley, his great-grandchildren: Tim, Eric, Tyler and Lila Kallstrom, Brady Lacher, Dylan Lacher, Alexis, Lucas, Cole and Carter Simon, and Gabe, Max and Mollie Simon. He is also survived by 2 sisters: Arlene(Earl) Randall, Aberdeen, Annette(Melvin) Frost, Hoven, 3 brothers: Eugene(Lila), Hoven, Mike(Doris), Estelline, and LaVern(Gladys), Hoven, and sisters-in-law, Mildred Simon, Gettysburg, SD, and Alice Simon, Hoven.


Honorary bearers will be all of Richie’s friends.

Casketbearers will be Nick Simon, Chris Simon, Robert Lacher, Patrick Lacher, Josh Lutter, Angela Simon, and Todd Kallstrom.

The family prefers memorials to the Hoven Healthcare Fund, PO Box 158, Hoven, SD 57450.

Lien Funeral Home of Bowdle is in charge of arrangements.