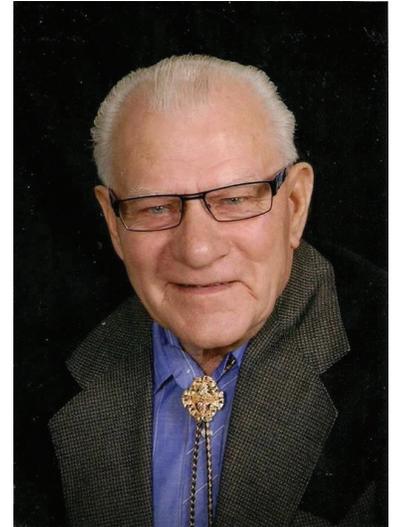


## The Life of Jack Walter

John "Jack" Walter, 84, died peacefully December 17, 2019 at Dougherty House Hospice in Sioux Falls. Services will be 11:00 am Saturday, December 21 at St Elizabeth Ann Seton Catholic Church in Groton, SD. Interment will be at a later date in the Groton Cemetery.

Jack Walter was born October 31, 1935 on the family farm to Merle and Ethel (Hendershott) Walter. He attended grade school with his 3 brothers in Riverside Township and graduated from Groton High School in 1954. He enlisted in the U.S. Army, and served 16 months on the DMZ in Korea where he was a radar operator and maintenance engineer.

In 1958, he married Helen Steenson of Aberdeen and together they raised five children on their family farm east of Groton. Jack and his brother David started Walter Angus Farm in 1952. Following the death of David, Jack moved forward with the registered Angus herd, raising premium Angus seedstock for over 50 years. When asked what he did for a living, Jack would always say he was a "bull shipper"! As his family grew, they were busy in 4-H, showing Angus cattle across the region and camping



Jack and Helen developed a love for traveling and visited all 48 contiguous states. They settled in Harlingen, TX, as their winter home for more than 25 years where they enjoyed dancing and the warm weather. In 2012, Jack & Helen retired to Mina Lake where Helen took joy in watching the water and Jack did his best to fish! Helen suffered a stroke in 2014 and passed away January 6, 2016.

In his youth, Jack was an active 4-H member and was president of the Brown County YCL. As an adult, Jack was active in Groton Jaycees, Brown County 4-H, St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Catholic Church and the Groton American Legion. He was a life-long member of the American Angus Association, Hub City Angus and North James Valley Angus Association. He was a strong supporter of FFA and was instrumental in restarting the Groton program in the late 70s.

Grateful for sharing his life are his five children, Kim (Mike) Jones, Cartersville, GA; Mark (Barb), Centerville, SD; Scott (Vicki), Tyler TX, Pam (Kent) Geppert, Kimball, SD; and Dani Bolte and friend Lance Danielson, Sioux Falls; 12 grandchildren, 12 great grandchildren, one sister-in-law, Jean Walter, Groton; one brother-in-law, Jim (Ruth) Steenson, Kalispell, MT and numerous nephews and nieces.

He is preceded in death by his parents, step-mother Alice; three brothers, Vernon, Donnie and David, and son-in-law Kurt Hill.

Miller Funeral Home in Sioux Falls, SD assisting with arrangements. For online obituary and guest register go to our website at [www.millerfh.com](http://www.millerfh.com).