

Joseph Jacob Turnis was born on December 23, 1926 to Herman and Margaret (Koch) Turnis on the family farm near Platte, SD. He grew up on the farm and graduated from Platte High School in 1946. Joe began farming until serving his country in the US Army from January 1951 to December 1952. When he returned, he joined his father in the trucking business. On August 10, 1954 Joe was united in marriage to Mary Kathryn Loneman at St. Paul the Apostle Catholic Church in Armour, SD.

In 1962 Joe started a hay grinding business, adding fertilizer to this in 1970 and began offering crop protectant services in 1972 – making Turnis Farm Service the success it is today. He also moved several grain bins during his career and held a patent on an attachment for folding John Deere Planters.

Joseph was a member of St. Peter's Catholic Church in Platte and the Knights of Columbus, achieving the level of Fourth Degree Knight. He served on the South Dakota Fertilizer and Ag Chemical Association Board, was a Platte Volunteer Fireman and a member of Campbell-Timmerman American Legion Post #115 of Platte. Joe was always ready to help, never saying “no” to anyone.

Joseph J. Turnis, 89, of Platte, SD passed away Saturday, October 22, 2016 at the Platte Care Center Avera.

Grateful for having shared in Joe's life: his wife of over 62 years, Mary Turnis of Platte, SD; their son, Herman (Karen) Turnis of Platte, SD; four grandchildren: Megan (Chris) Houlihan of Parker, SD, Heather (Colin) Nachtigal of Harrold, SD, Mindy (Jon) Doom of Rapid City, SD and Drew Turnis of Platte, SD; a great granddaughter, Adalynn Nachtigal; two step great grandchildren: Tylor and Evan Houlihan; four sisters: Arlene Weber of Sioux Falls, SD, Ellen (Paul) Samuelson of Platte, SD, Ruth Anderson of Platte, SD and Mary (Dean) Antonsen of Rapid City, SD; a brother-in-law, Bob (Delores) Anderson of Platte, SD; along with several nieces and nephews.

Joe was preceded in death by identical twin sons, John and James in infancy; his parents, Herman and Margaret Turnis; a sister, Evelyn Anderson; and two brothers-in-law: Vernon Weber and Bernard “Boots” Anderson.

In Loving Memory



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FUNERAL MASS

Wednesday, October 26, 2016 10:30 A.M.
St. Peter's Catholic Church Platte, South Dakota

CO-CELEBRANTS

Fr. Mathew Vazhappilly and Fr. Roger Geditz

MUSICAL SELECTIONS

"Amazing Grace" #428
"I Am the Bread of Life" #349
"Song of Farewell" #832
"How Great Thou Art" #420

Organist, Donna Travis

CASKET BEARERS

Megan Houlihan Heather Nachtigal
Mindy Doom Drew Turnis
Bill Samuelson Mark Loneman

HONORARY CASKET BEARERS

Joe's Turnis Farm Service "Family"

Bev Antonsen Devin Burmeister
John Cable Roy Groeneweg
Troy Kirsch Troy Sprik
Kelly Weisser Rick Werkmeister

INTERMENT

St. Peter's Catholic Cemetery Platte, South Dakota

MILITARY HONORS

Campbell-Timmerman American Legion Post #115
Platte, South Dakota

*In remembrance, please turn on your headlights
during the procession to the cemetery.*

*Mount Funeral Home is honored
to be assisting the Turnis family.*



The Chain Will Link Again

*We little knew that morning
God was going to call your name.
In life we loved you dearly,
In death we do the same.*

*It broke our hearts to lose you,
You did not go alone.
For part of us went with you,
The day God called you home.*

*You left us beautiful memories,
Your love is still our guide,
And though we cannot see you,
You are always by our side.*

*Our family chain is broken,
And nothing seems the same.
But as God calls us one by one,
The chain will link again.*