

John J. Hazuga, 86, of Stanley, died December 25, 2023. He was born on March 24, 1937 in Stanley to the late John A. and Catherine J. (Mertens) Hazuga. He grew up in the Town of Thorp and attended area schools. John married Patricia A. Lane on August 3, 1974 at St. Bernard's Catholic Church in Thorp.

John farmed in Stanley where he raised heifers and on occasion chickens. He worked at August Lotz for a few years and then for Blue Moon Cheese for over 20 years in Thorp before his retirement. He was a member of the National Guard for 8 years. In his retirement John collected toy antique tractors. He enjoyed looking for treasures at thrift sales. He loved yelling at the TV while watching the Green Bay Packers as well as wrestling. Most of all John enjoyed spending time with his grandchildren and family. His smile will be missed by all who knew him.

He is survived by his two sons, John (Kristina) Hazuga of Augusta and Paul (Natalie) Hazuga of Stanley, four grandchildren, Eli, Easton, Elexis and Ava and his sister, Marlene (Ivan) Muetzel of Cottage Grove, MN. John is preceded in death by his parents, his wife Patricia (2019), his son, Thomas, his brother, Jerry, and his sisters, Kathleen Risinger and Lorraine Lien.

A funeral service will be held on January 6, 2024 at 11:00 AM at the Plombon Funeral Home in Stanley with Randy Vandeloo officiating. Burial will follow in Eidsvold Cemetery. Visitation will be from 9:30 AM until time of service Saturday at the funeral home.