



**"So God Made a Shepherd"  
-The Larson Family**

And on the 8th day, God looked down  
on his planned paradise  
And said, "I need a caretaker."  
*So God made a shepherd.*

God said, "I need somebody willing  
to get up before dawn, tend sheep, work all day  
in the fields, feed sheep, eat supper,  
and then go back to the field." *So God made a shepherd.*

"I need somebody with arms strong enough to wrestle a ram  
and yet gentle enough to deliver a lamb.  
Somebody to call the flock, measure the feed, braid the halter  
and teach them how to lead." *So God made a shepherd.*

God said, "I need somebody willing to sit up all night with a  
newborn lamb. And watch it die. Then dry his eyes and say,  
'Maybe next year.' I need somebody who can shear a sheep,  
card a lamb, who can fit a ewe, and tag a lamb. Someone to go to  
the fair, set them up square, to stand in the front and be aware  
that the lamb will do well at the fair." *So God made a shepherd.*

God had to have somebody willing to stay up through the night,  
see a ewe with problems, no end in sight, and roll up their  
sleeves to pull a little life into the light. Then wash up,  
say a prayer, and know that God and his family will  
always be there. *So God made a shepherd.*

"Somebody who'd bring a family together with the soft strong  
bonds of sharing, who would laugh and then sigh, and then reply,  
with smiling eyes, when his sons say they want to spend their life  
'doing what dad does.'" *So God made a shepherd.*

**\*Revision of "So God Made a Farmer" by Paul Harvey**

*In Loving Memory Of*

# Roger Larson

*September 11, 1936  
Faulkton, South Dakota*

*May 24, 2013  
Faulkton, South Dakota*

**FUNERAL SERVICE:**

*10:30 a.m., Tuesday, May 28, 2013  
United Church of Faulkton  
Faulkton, South Dakota*

**OFFICIATING:**

*Pastor Bill Hoffman*

**CASKETBEARERS: "GRANDSONS"**

<i>Kirby Larson</i>	<i>Jake Meyer</i>	<i>Nathan Gnat</i>
<i>Tucker Carlson</i>	<i>Gage Singer</i>	<i>Truman Weyand</i>
<i>Lane Meyer</i>	<i>Jacob Larson</i>	<i>Tanner Larson</i>
<i>Cody Larson</i>		<i>Kaleb Puetz</i>

**HONORARY CASKETBEARERS: "GRANDDAUGHTERS"**

*Sally Schmidt, Andrea Gnat, Nellie Singer, Emma Weyand,  
Emily Meyer, Alyssa Meyer, Jacey Larson,  
Taylor Larson and Brianna Larson*

**USHERS:**

*Bob Hadrick and Allen Hadrick*

**MUSICIANS:**

*Marlene Hammond, Jerry Bowar and Jamie Larson*

**HYMNS:**

*"Because He Lives"      "In the Garden"  
"My God and I"      "Hymn of Promise"*

**INTERMENT:**

*Faulkton Cemetery  
Faulkton, South Dakota*



Faulkton, South Dakota  
www.familyfuneralhome.net

***Roger LaVerne Larson*** was born September 11, 1936 to Alvin and Lorraine (Allbee) Larson in Faulkton, SD. He attended schools in Faulk County and St. Paul, Minnesota. He then studied for two years at SDSU in Brookings, SD. In 1953, as a teenager, he went south with a custom combining crew.

On September 17, 1955 he married Maxine Stevenson at the Faulkton Methodist Church. Together they raised ten children. They lived at several locations over the years including: northwest Faulk county, central Faulk county, and the Orient area. Throughout the years he was employed by Faulkton area farmers.

Roger was an avid Hampshire sheep breeder. He was a member of the Hampshire Sheep Association, as are his two sons who have inherited his love of sheep. A highlight for him was showing his sheep at local and state fairs. For many years he was active in 4-H and also served as a 4-H leader.

Roger attended the United Church of Faulkton. He enjoyed playing cards and was an enthusiastic gardener and always enjoyed sharing his garden produce with the community. He often attended his grandchildren's many activities. He also enjoyed watching sports, especially wrestling, and he was an avid Duke fan!

Roger is survived by his children: Jerrine Larson of Faulkton, Charlene Larson of Sioux City, IA, Francine (Doug) Carlson of Lawton, IA, Dannine (Dave) Gnat of Ankeny, IA, Karlene (Jeff) Singer of Le Mars, IA, Corrine (Jerry) Weyand of Faulkton, Kristine (Tom) Meyer of Orient, Bradley (Jamie) Larson of Blair, NE and Brent (Gwen) Larson of White, SD; 20 grandchildren; two great grandchildren; two sisters: Arlene Carr of Aberdeen, SD and Marsha Ring of Rapid City, SD.

Roger is preceded in death by his wife, Maxine; son, Bryan; parents, Alvin and Lorraine Larson, step-mother, Naomi; and sister, Betty Jane.

