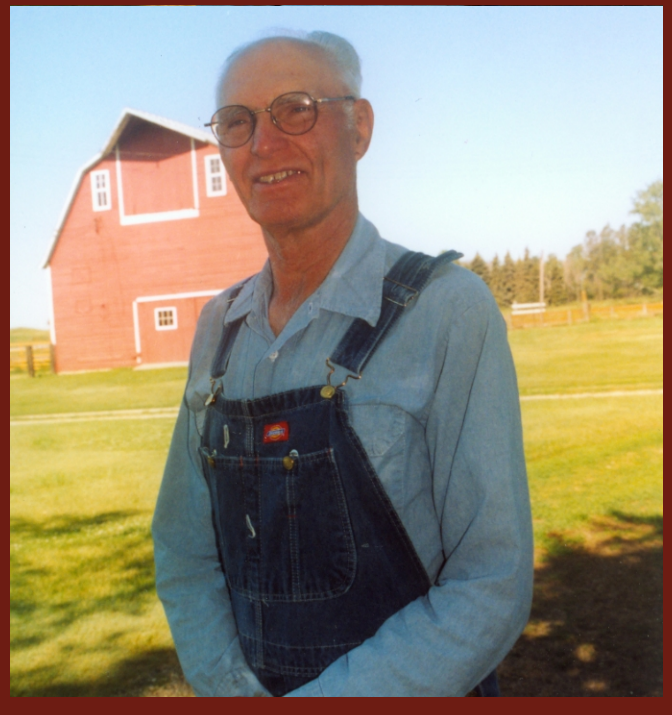


WALKING WITH GRANDPA

I like to walk with Grandpa
His steps are short like mine
He doesn't say "Now hurry up,"
He always takes his time.
I like to walk Grandpa
His eyes see things like mine do
Wee pebbles bright, a funny cloud,
Half hidden drops of dew
Most people have to hurry
They do not stop and see
I'm glad that God made Grandpa
Unrushed and young like me.



In Loving Memory CELEBRATING A LIFE

Prayer Service:

7:00 p.m., Sunday, February 19, 2017
Luce Funeral Home - Faulkton, South Dakota

Funeral Service:

2:30 p.m., Monday, February 20, 2017
Luce Funeral Home - Faulkton, South Dakota

Minister: Brother Jonathan Rohrbach

Revelation 21:3, 4

With that I heard a loud voice from the throne say:
"Look! The tent of God is with mankind, and he will
reside with them, and they will be his people. And
God himself will be with them. And he will wipe out
every tear from their eyes, and death will be no
more, neither will mourning nor outcry nor pain be
anymore. The former things have passed away."

*Lunch will immediately follow
Orvil's funeral in the fellowship hall at the
United Church of Faulkton*

Private Interment:

Faulkton Cemetery
Faulkton, South Dakota

Arrangements Entrusted To

Luce Funeral Home - Faulkton, South Dakota
www.familyfuneralhome.net

Hope & Sympathy



Remembering THE LIFE OF

Orvil Melius

August 21, 1923 - February 13, 2017





Orvil Melius, 93, of Faulkton, passed away Monday, February 13, 2017 at the Faulkton Senior Living Center.

On August 21, 1923, Orvil Melius was the 12th of 17 children born to William Otto and Julia (Arendsee) Melius. He attended country school and completed his education in 1941 at Faulkton High School. Orvil desired to join the military during WWII like his older brothers, however, he and his younger brother Claire had to stay and work on the family farm. He eventually got to take part at boot camp in Arkansas during the winter of 1946. Orvil then joined the Occupational Army after WWII and was stationed in Japan for a short period of time.

Upon Orvil's return from the service a certain young lady, Irene C. Haselhorst, caught his eye. After several attempts to connect with her, his persistence paid off and asked the future love of his life to be his date for a Melius team softball game in Redfield, SD. On September 14, 1949 they united in marriage at the Walt Olson farmstead. They lived at the old Keller place, Lilas Riley's farm, for a couple years until moving to their farm, west of Wecota, where they worked until 1998. They continued to live on the farm until September of 2004 when moved into Faulkton.

Orvil put all his hard work into the farm, just driving into the yard one would notice various sheds and a big red barn, all with a fresh coat of paint. The farm equipment could always be found in flawless formation. With a yard that was nothing short of perfection, Orvil and Irene achieved the

skill of synchronized mowing on their John Deere riding mowers. His bib overalls were a staple along with a hanky shoved in the pocket. Farming was not considered work to Orvil more so a way of life, one that he and Irene truly enjoyed.

Any food with chocolate on it or in it was Orvil's favorite, his homemade fudge was savored by those who got to try it. Orvil enjoyed making homemade apple juice with family members, restoring antique blow torches, and creating "whirly majigs".

Orvil was on the Faulkton School Board in the late 1960s and also served on the Saratoga Township Board for many years.

Blessed for having shared his life are three children: Marilee (Ray) Patton of Tulsa, OK, Susan Melius of Mission Viejo, CA, and Diane (Lee) Hansen of Faulkton, SD; four grandchildren: Michael Patton, Matthew (Haley) Patton, and Rick (Ashley) Hansen, Trish (Cole) Cotton; five great-grandchildren: Blake, Evan, and Heidi Hansen, Raya and Harper Cotton; and one sister, Joetta Swanhorst of Aberdeen, SD.

Orvil was preceded in death by his wife of 67 years Irene; seven brothers: Richard, Royal, Lloyd, Delos, Hilton, Marvin, and Claire; seven sisters: LaVern, Olive, Vivian, Marcelle, Joyce, Audrey, and LaVilla; and grandchild, Cody Hansen.

Memorials can be directed to the Faulkton Area Medical Center Foundation, PO Box 100, Faulkton, S.D. 57438.