

I'm Just a Farmer, Plain and Simple

I'm just a farmer, plain and simple.
Not of a royal birth
But rather, a worker of the earth.
I know not of riches
But rather, of patches on my britches
I know of draught and rain, of pleasure and pain.

I know of the good and the bad,
The happy and the sad.
I am a man of emotions.
A man who loves this land,
And the beauty of its sand.

I know of a spring's fresh flow
And autumn's golden glow,
Of a newborn calf's hesitation,
And the eagle's destination.
I know of tall pines,

And long, waiting lines.
Of the warmth of campfires,
And the agony of flat tires.
But I am a man who loves his job
And the life I live.

I am a man who works with God,
I cannot succeed without his help,
For you see, I'm just a farmer
Plain and simple.

By Bobby Collier



Gettysburg, South Dakota
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In Loving Memory of

Leland Penrod

February 5, 1936
Tolstoy, South Dakota

June 19, 2012
Tolstoy, South Dakota

PRAYER SERVICE: 7:00 p.m., Friday, June 22, 2012
Christ Lutheran Church ~ Lebanon, South Dakota

FUNERAL SERVICE: 10:00 a.m., Saturday, June 23, 2012
Christ Lutheran Church ~ Lebanon, South Dakota

OFFICIATING: Pastor Daniel Tews

PALLBEARERS:

Justin Penrod	Stacey Penrod	Jeff Schmidt
Josh Dutt	Matt Dutt	Tiffany Schmidt
Jarred Penrod	Donald Meyer	Nicole Meyer

HONORARY CASKETBEARERS:

All Leland's Many Friends

USHERS: Rudy Jacobs and Ron Dahlquist

ORGANIST: Marlys Hinckley

VOCALIST: Jeff Schmidt ~ "How Great Thou Art"

CONGREGATIONAL HYMNS:

"Amazing Grace" "I Know That My Redeemer Lives"

INTERMENT:

Springs Cemetery ~ Tolstoy, South Dakota

Leland Penrod, 76, of Tolstoy passed away Tuesday, June 19, 2012 at his home.

Leland Penrod was born in Springs Community, Tolstoy, South Dakota on February 5, 1936 to Obert W. and Alice (Umiker) Penrod. He grew up on the rural Tolstoy family farm, attended Fairview Township Country School and received his higher education from South Dakota State College in Brookings. Leland returned to the family farm where he lived until the time of his death.

On June 9, 1957 he was united in marriage to Iris Titze at Christ Lutheran Church in Lebanon.

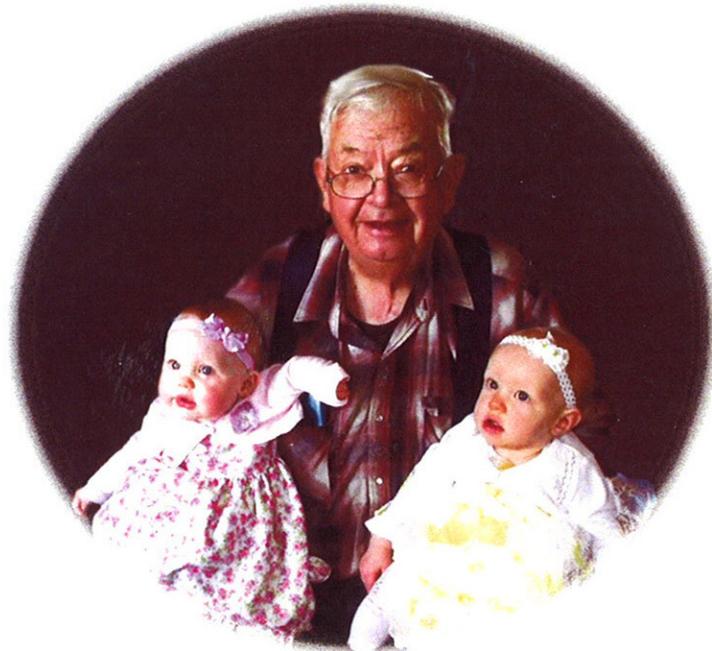
Leland's entire life was centered around farming, cattle and the love of the land. He worked day in and out on the farm until his health left him unable to even get into a tractor which happened only a few short months ago.

Each day Leland looked forward to the daily stock report from his grandson. He also enjoyed watching baseball, cheering on the Twins, and spending time with his family.

He was a lifelong member of Christ Lutheran Church of Lebanon, where he served as the church secretary/treasurer. He was also served as a County Courtman for the FSA office.

Leland is survived by his children: Thomas (Tammy) of Tolstoy, Paul (Lynn) of Pierre and Beth (Mark) Dutt of Pierre; six grandchildren; two great grandchildren; his special lady friend: Linda McRoberts of Lebanon and siblings: John (Linda) of Volga and Marilyn (Larry) Mattheis of Pierre.

He was preceded in death by his parents; wife, Iris; brother, Obert and sister, Leota Stotz.



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