

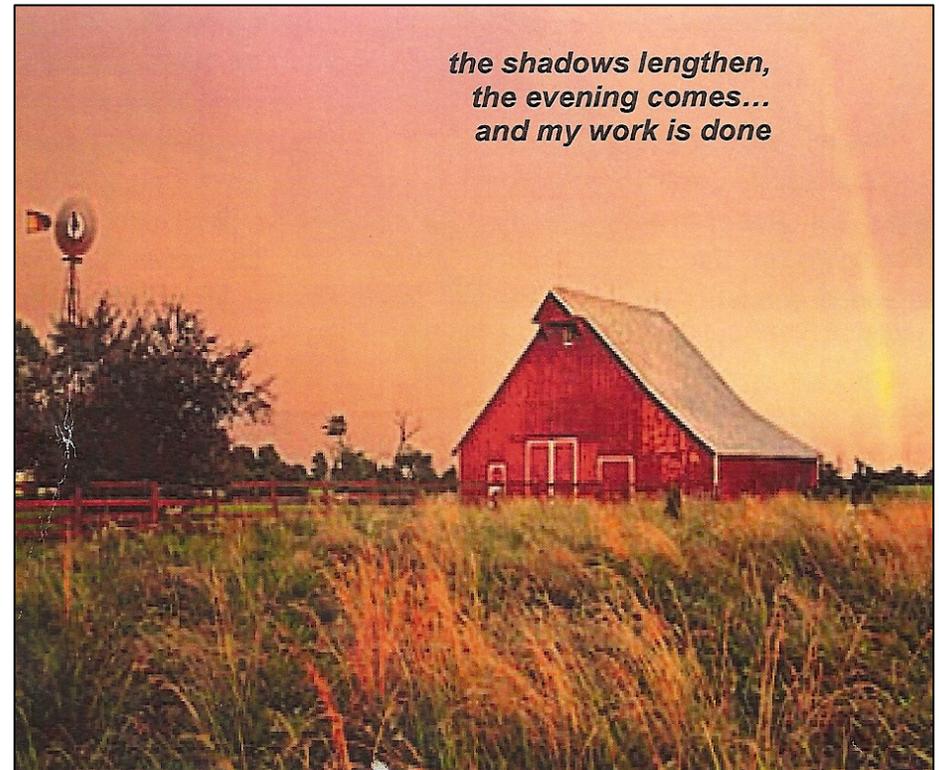
## *Are All My Children In*

*I think as the night draws nigh  
Of an old house on the hill,  
Of a yard all wide and blossom-starred  
Where the children played at will.  
And when the night at last came down,  
Hushing the merry din,  
Mother would look around and ask,  
"Are all the children in?"  
'Tis many and many a year since then.  
And the old house on the hill  
No longer echoes to childish feet,  
And the yard is still, so still.  
But I see it all, as the shadows creep,  
And though many the years have been  
Since then, I can hear mother ask,  
"Are all the children in?"  
I wonder if when the shadows fall  
On the last short, earthly day,  
When we say good-bye to the world outside,  
All tired with our childish play.  
When we step over to Jesus' Land  
Where mother so long has been,  
Will we hear her ask, just as of old,  
"Are all the children in?"*

*--Florence Jones Hadley*



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*the shadows lengthen,  
the evening comes...  
and my work is done*

### *God's Farm*

*God needs someone in heaven  
To plow and plant the rows  
And when He calls on me,  
I know that I must go.  
Remember that I won't be gone,  
I will just be away,  
Working on God's farm  
'till we're united again one day.  
There will be no storms in heaven  
And the fields are long and straight.  
When it's time for you to join me,  
I'll be waiting inside heaven's gate.  
Remember until the day arrives,  
When once more our lives we'll share,  
To look in the green fields growing  
And you'll see me working there.*



*Arnold Ratzlaff, 94, of Highmore, passed away April 1, 2011 at his home.*

Arnold Edwin was born June 6, 1916 to Isaac and Eva (Boese) Ratzlaff. Walking the three miles distance with his siblings to South Eagle School, he received his elementary education and completed his education at Highmore High School, graduating in 1935. Upon graduation, Arnold's life continued at the family farm with a few time outs. There were trips to Marion, South Dakota to see family which included some favorite cousins. There was a short time attending Bible College at Anderson, Indiana where his brother Leslie was. A road trip

with brother Gilbert eventually took them to the state of Washington to see a neighbor family who'd moved there. Arnold stayed for a while and had a job working in a door factory.

On November 4, 1950, Arnold and Josephine Ensz were married in Meno, Oklahoma. They had met at the wedding of Arnold's cousin, Walter Boese's. Walter's wife, Sadie, was a friend of Josephine's. Following the wedding, the couple made their way back to South Dakota, settling down on one of Isaac's farmsteads; this was a half mile from the schoolhouse Arnold had attended. Following Isaac's passing, the farm became Arnold and Josephine's. His work on the farm made a living for his family. His family and church life filled Arnold's days and years with fulfillment. A time of service on Eagle Township Board completed his off the farm activities.

May 18, 2006, Arnold made a personal decision to extend his quality of life by beginning regular kidney dialysis at St. Mary's Hospital in Pierre. This meant he would be able to live at home and take his treatments three days a week. Towards the end of his life, treatments were reduced to twice a week.

Arnold leaves behind his four children: Skyla, Durward and Elroy (Donita) of Highmore and Robin (Gary) Sivertsen of Ree Heights; grandchildren: Amanda, Elizabeth, Christopher, Benjamin, Wade, Cody and Shanna; great grandchildren: Kaydence, Jocelynn, Holden, Dalton, Sheridyn, Sarah, Toby and Colby; siblings: Clara Hall, Orville Ratzlaff, Sydney Ratzlaff and LeRoy Ratzlaff; sisters-in-law: Laura Ratzlaff, widow of Alvin and Grace Ratzlaff, widow of Leslie and a brother-in-law, Alvin Frey.

Arnold was preceded in death by his parents; wife, Josephine, on December 27, 2008; brothers: Alvin, Gilbert, a set of twins, Leslie and Willis; and sisters: Esther, Rosa, Ida, Virginia, Florence, Mary and Ruby.

*In Loving Memory of*

# *Arnold Edwin Ratzlaff*

June 6, 1916  
Highmore, South Dakota

April 1, 2011  
Highmore, South Dakota

## *FUNERAL SERVICE*

11:00 a.m., Wednesday, April 6, 2011  
Grace Bible Church  
Highmore, South Dakota

## *OFFICIATING*

Pastor Sheena Thomson

## *CASKETBEARERS*

Cody Sivertsen	Wade Sivertsen	Lee Kolda
Benjamin Bleeker	Christopher Bleeker	Mike Wendtlandt

## *HONORARY CASKETBEARERS*

Shanna Kolda, Elizabeth Bleeker, Amanda Wendtlandt  
All His Great Grandchildren

## *USHERS*

Myron Ratzlaff – Robert Hanson

## *GUESTBOOK*

Lucille Gibson

## *ORGANIST*

Katherine Hieb

## *VOCALIST*

Annette Sewright, Lucille Vander Vorst, Yvonne Bartscher  
"It Is No Secret" – "I Can Only Imagine"  
"Supperime" – "Evening Prayer"

## *MUSICAL SELECTIONS*

"Nothing Between" #386  
"I'll Fly Away"

## *INTERMENT*

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