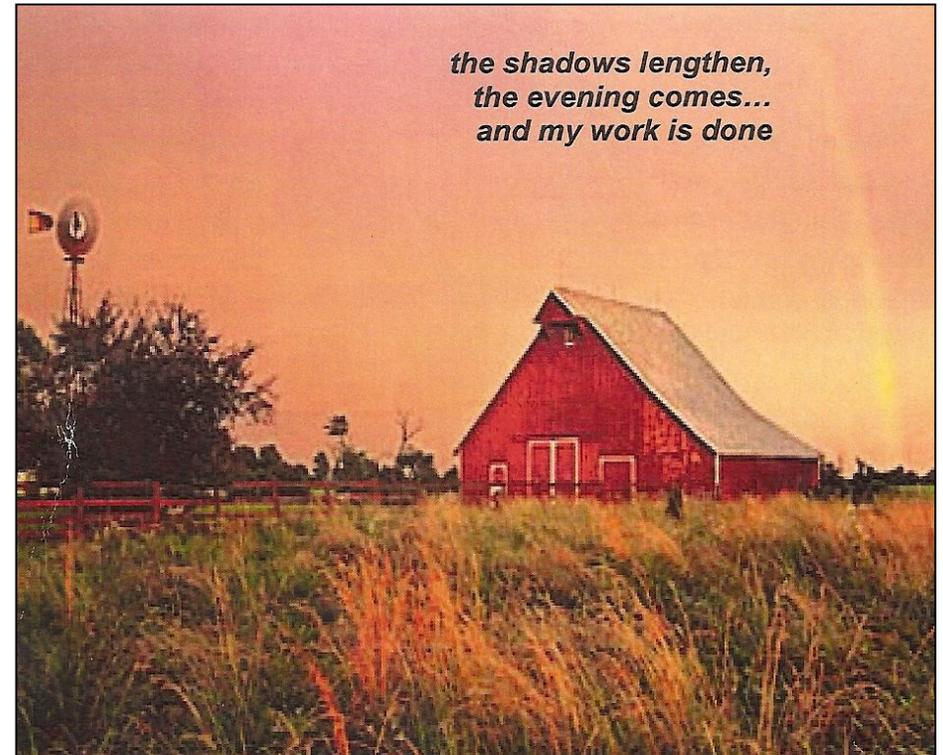


*I will never say goodbye to you my father  
 Cause I know this is not the end for us to see each other.  
 You will only be going to a place  
 where there is no pain nor suffering.  
 I am happy for you, for you will be with God.  
 For now we need to go in separate ways  
 I remember how your arms held me and gave me strength.  
 You were always there to listen, love,  
 and defend my in everything.  
 You were my very best friend.  
 In my triumphs you were always proud.  
 I am very grateful and proud to call you my dad.  
 Here deep inside my heart you'll always be.  
 I would give up everything I have just to hug you one more time.  
 I remember the last time I held you're hand  
 and how you looked at me in the eyes.  
 If I could only turn back the time I would have never let you go.  
 Just like the rain, tears fall down from my eyes;  
 I couldn't speak for a while.  
 thank you Dad  
 For always understanding, listening, caring,  
 and loving me for the rest of your life.  
 The greatest gift God gave me was YOU...my Dad  
 It's difficult to let you go but I must  
 I must return the gift God gave me.  
 Til then; See you in Heaven  
 --A Poem by Lea Gomez*

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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.*



*Harold Bawdon*, 89, of Highmore, took his final 'flight' on Tuesday, April 17, 2012 at Rapid City Regional Hospital.

Harold Benjamin Bawdon was born June 22, 1922 to Herbert and Theresa (Dirks) Bawdon in Hand County. He went to a rural school in Spring Hill Township, Hand County where he graduated 8<sup>th</sup> grade. He attended Highmore High school and graduated in 1942. In 1944, he then enlisted in the United States Marine Corp as an Aviator Instructor. He was stationed in Memphis, TN where he met his future wife Patricia Ann Thames. They were united

in marriage in 1946.

He served in WWII in the Pacific Theatre as a fighter Pilot and was later recalled to service in the Korean Conflict. He then with his wife and one child, Joseph, moved to Highmore, SD to continue his farming and ranching career. In 1954, a set of twins were born, Ronald and Robert, to complete the family. He was then honorably discharged from the military.

Harold was one of the founding fathers of the Highmore Roundup Club. He was very active in leather work, making saddles and other leather accessories. Harold was active with local 4-H groups where he taught the art of leatherwork and also a member of the Highmore American Legion Frank Vopat Post #35.

His hobbies were golfing, horseback riding, taking his children to horse shows, collecting coins, and his work. He loved to help neighbors build steel grain bins and pole sheds. You could always find him on Thursday or Sunday afternoons heading to Ft Thompson to the Lode Star Casino.

He is survived by his sons: Joseph (Susan) Bawdon of Custer (Darci, Cody, Casey, and Cassie); Ronald (Paula) Bawdon of Ft Collins, CO (Lisa and Heidi); Robert (Pamela) Bawdon of Highmore (Kristen, Jordan, and Jayme); 1 great-grandchild, Tyler Bawdon; sister, Pearl Dittman, brother, John (Ellen) Bawdon; and many cousins, nieces and nephews.

Harold is preceded in death by his wife, Patricia in 1994; parents; paternal and maternal grandparents; one brother; one sister; and one brother-in-law.



*In Loving Memory*

# *Harold Benjamin Bawdon*

June 22, 1922

April 17, 2012

## **PRAYER SERVICE**

7:00 p.m., Friday, April 20, 2012

Luze Funeral Home  
Highmore, South Dakota

## **FUNERAL SERVICE**

2:00 p.m., Saturday, April 21, 2012

United Methodist Church  
Highmore, South Dakota

## **OFFICIATING**

Pastor Kori Lehrkamp

## **CASKETBEARERS**

Steve Gadd  
Bryan Kroeplin

Dave Gadd  
Glenn Smith

Mike Gadd  
Steve Bonnicksen

## **HONORARY CASKETBEARERS**

All Harold's Grandchildren

**USHERS:** Mike McDonnell & Mike Newton

**GUESTBOOK:** Pat Lass

**FLOWERBEARER:** Janet Kusser

**ORGANIST:** Katherine Hieb

## **MUSIC SELECTIONS**

*"In the Garden"*

*"Made In America" – "One More Day"*

*"I Think God Must Be A Cowboy At Heart"*

## **INTERMENT**

1:30 p.m., Monday, April 23, 2012

Black Hills National Cemetery  
Sturgis, South Dakota