

God Made a Farmer

And on the eight day, god looked down on his planned Paradise and said, "I need a caretaker."

So god made a farmer.

God said, "I need somebody willing to get up before Dawn, milk cows, work all day in the field, milk Cows again, eat supper, then go to town and Stay past midnight at a meeting of the School board."

So god made a farmer.

"I need somebody with arms strong enough to Wrestle a calf and yet gentle enough to deliver His own grandchild. Somebody to call hogs and Tame cantankerous machinery. Somebody to Come home hungry and have to wait for lunch Until his wife is done visiting with the ladies, Then tell the ladies to be sure and come back real Soon and mean it."

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God said, "I need somebody willing to sit up all night with A newborn colt and watch it die, then dry his eyes and say, 'Maybe Next year.' I need somebody who can shave an ax handle from a persimmon Sprout, shoe a horse with a chunk of car tire and make a harness out of haywire, Fed sacks and shoe straps," God said. "In planting and harvest seasons, he will finish His 40-hour week by Tuesday noon, and then, painin' from tractor-back, put in Another 72 hours."

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God had to have somebody willing to ride the ruts at double speed to get the hay Ahead of the rain clouds and yet stop in midfield and race to help when he sees the First smoke from the neighbor's Place.

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God said, "I need somebody strong enough to clear trees and heave bales, yet gentle Enough to wean Lambs and pigs and tend the pink-combed pullets. Somebody who Will stop his mower for an hour to splint the broken leg of a meadowlark." It had to Be somebody who would plow deep and straight and not cut corners. Somebody to Seed, weed and feed, plow and plant and finish a hard week of work with a five-mile Drive to church. Somebody who would bale a family together with soft, strong Bonds of sharing. It had to be somebody who would laugh and then sigh and then Reply with smiling eyes when his son says that he wants to spend his life doing What Dad does.

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In Loving Memory CELEBRATING A LIFE

Prayer Service:

7:00 p.m., Friday, February 11, 2022
Our Savior Lutheran Church
Highmore, South Dakota

Funeral Service:

11:00 a.m., Saturday, February 12, 2022
Our Savior Lutheran Church
Highmore, South Dakota

Minister:

Pastor David Peterson

Honorary Casketbearers:

Bailey Leisinger - Natalie Leisinger
Brody Leisinger - Weston Woodward
Jessica Woodward - Jason Frost

Ushers: Randy Hague - Ronald Volek

Guestbook: Jolene Volek

Vocalist:

Laurie Smith
"On Eagle's Wings"

Congregational Selections:

"Amazing Grace"
"How Great Thou Art"

Interment:

Highmore Cemetery
Highmore, South Dakota

Hope Strength



Celebrating THE *Life* OF

Dennis Ruzicka

November 4, 1929 - February 5, 2022





Dennis Ruzicka, 92, passed away, Saturday, February 5, 2022, at the Highmore Health in Highmore after losing the battle with leukemia.

Dennis Ruzicka was born November 4, 1929, to Anton and Fay (Deuter) Ruzicka in Miller, South Dakota. His family moved to Hyde County when he was six years old where he attended school at the William Hamilton rural school. After graduation from Highmore High School, he wanted to attend SD School of Mines to study math, but his parents said they did not have money to pay for college. So, Dennis joined his father to begin his long farming career.

In 1953, Dennis married Norma Jacober. As a newly married couple, they rented 640 acres of farmland. In 1959, they purchased a farmstead of 960 acres. Dennis and Norma had two girls, Marcia and Glenda.

In his early years, Dennis bought and stripped blue grass seed for several different companies for a number of years. While his family helped with the farming business, he was able to serve on several community organization boards including: Ree Electric and Dakota Energy for 38 years, Quoin Financial Bank for 34 years, South Dakota Sheep Growers Board for 20 years, Hyde County ACS Committee for nine years, National Livestock and Meat Board, Our Savior Lutheran Church Council, Central South Dakota Sheep Producers, Washington Township Board, and he also volunteered as a 4-H leader.

Loving Memory

Dennis and Norma enjoyed traveling the country going to organization meetings. In 2008, Dennis retired from active farming. He took up a hobby of putting together puzzles and giving several puzzles to family members and friends. Even after retiring, he still tried to make himself available to help wherever needed.

Survivors include his two daughters: Marcia (Loren) Stulken, Highmore, and Glenda (Bob) Leisinger, Highmore; two grandchildren and their families: Matt Leisinger and children: Bailey, Natalie, and Brody; Laurie (Jerry) Woodward and children: Jessica and Weston, Custer; one brother, Gary (Gay) Ruzicka; and one sister-in-law: Pat Ruzicka.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Norma; parents: Anton and Faye Ruzicka; one brother, Lorne Ruzicka; and three sisters-in-law and husbands: Freda (Milton) Johnson, Rose (Richard) Lennick and Lydia (Elmer) Bekken.

Arrangements Entrusted to
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