



Going Home

God hath not promised
skies always blue,
Flower-strewn pathways
all our lives through;
God hath not promised
sun without rain,
day without sorrow,
peace without pain.

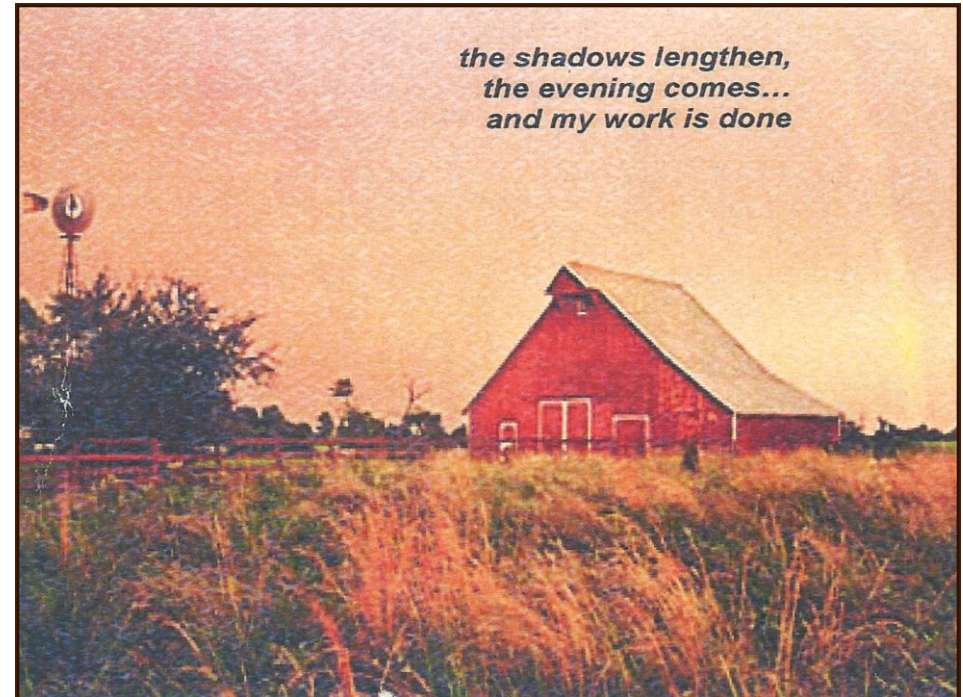
But God hath promised
strength for the day,
Rest for the labor.
light for the way,
Grace for the trails,
help from above,
Unfailing sympathy,
undying love...

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So God Made A Farmer

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.



Gerald Schilling, 89, of Miller, passed away Thursday, May 26, 2016 at the Good Samaritan Society in Miller.

Gerald was born on September 17, 1926 in Pierre, SD to Adolph and Minnie (Otto) Schilling. He spent most of his life in the Vayland/Wessington area, graduating from Wessington High School in 1944. He enlisted in the United States Navy on January 19, 1945, proudly serving as Navy 3rd class Storekeeper aboard the USS McCaffery destroyer in the Asiatic-Pacific Theater. Upon

discharge from the Navy, Gerald worked for Bank of America in California. He returned to Wessington to pursue his life passion of farming.

On October 1, 1949, Gerald married the love of his life, Leona Murphy. During the early years of their married life, they enjoyed dancing. In 1984, Gerald and Leona moved to Clark, SD where Gerald was a rural letter carrier until his retirement in 1989. During his retirement, Gerald spent many hours in his wood shop creating decorative wood pieces.

Gerald's kids and grandkids were his pride and joy. In addition, Gerald served on the Grand Township School Board and Grand Township Board. He was a member of the First Presbyterian Church in Miller, VFW in Miller, American Legion in Wessington, Masonic Lodge in Wessington, and the SD Rural Letter Carriers Association.

Grateful for having shared his life is his wife of 66 years, Leona; two sons, Dan (Patty) Schilling of Wessington and Jerry (Sherryl) Schilling of Centerton, AR; two daughters, Debra (Bob) Zeidler of Rapid City and Jane (Dave) Heard of Rapid City; 16 grandchildren; and 30 great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents and two sisters, Wilma Ochs and Donna DeShazer.

A Life Remembered

Gerald Schilling

September 17, 1926
Pierre, South Dakota

May 26, 2016
Miller, South Dakota

FUNERAL SERVICE:

2:00 p.m., Monday, May 30, 2016
First Presbyterian Church
Miller, South Dakota

MINISTER: Rev. Brian Jones

CASKETBEARERS:

Ryan Zeidler – Randy Nelson – Chet Putnam
Wade Kniss – Tim Schilling – Aaron Schilling
Justin Peters – Aaron Onkka – David Ovall

HONORARY CASKETBEARERS:

Gerald's Grandchildren & Great Grandchildren

USHERS: Doug Fritzsche & Philip Testerman

ORGANIST: Janet Fritzsche

VOCALIST: Wade Kniss
"Going Home"

CONGREGATIONAL HYMNS:

"Amazing Grace"
"Beyond the Sunset"

INTERMENT:

12:30 p.m., Monday, May 30, 2016
Wessington Cemetery
Wessington, South Dakota

Following the funeral service, everyone is invited for lunch and fellowship with the family at the church.