

## The Farmer's Creed

We believe a person's greatest possession is their dignity and that no calling bestows this more abundantly than farming.

We believe hard work and honest sweat are the building blocks of a person's character.

We believe that farming, despite its hardships and disappointments, is the most honest and honorable way a person can spend their days on this earth.

We believe that by our toil we are giving more to the world than we are taking from it, an honor that does not come to all people.

We believe when persons grow old and sum up their days, they should be able to stand tall and feel pride in the life they have lived.

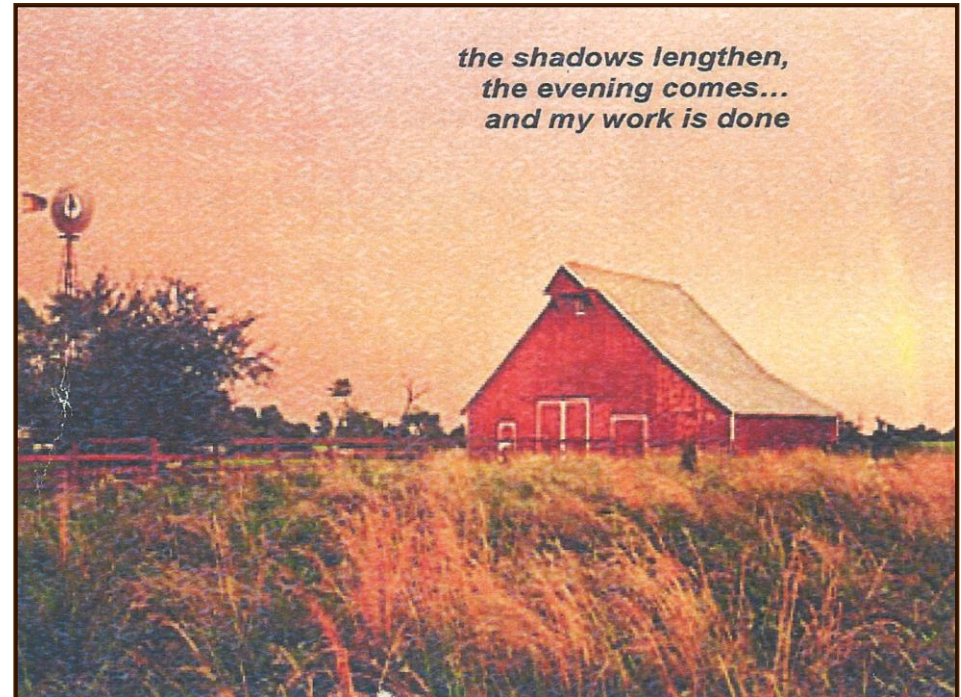
We believe in farming  
because it makes all this possible.

Arrangements Entrusted To



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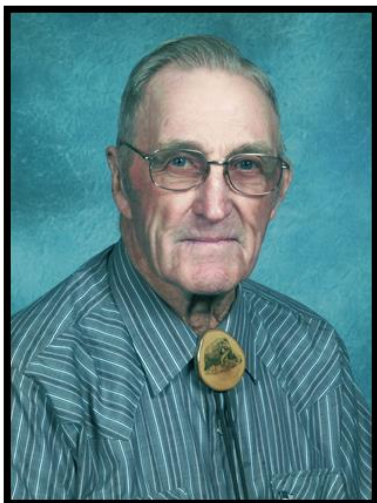
*"Providing Comfort To Families"*



*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.



Lowell Prentice, 94, of Wessington, passed away Wednesday, June 22, 2016 at the Good Samaritan Society in Miller.

Arthur Lowell Prentice was born February 19, 1922, on a farm southwest of Wessington, SD, to Arthur Clarence and Clara (Syring) Prentice. He attended Harris country school and graduated from Wessington High School in the class of 1940. He worked for area farmers until he went into the U.S. Army in 1942. He married his neighbor, Mary Elizabeth Zerfoss, on May 9, 1943.

Lowell's U.S. Army service during WWII took him to France and Germany where he served as a radioman in the infantry behind the front lines. He was quietly proud of the medals he earned serving his country and was a member of the Wessington Legion for over 50 years.

When his military serviced ended in 1945, Lowell returned to Wessington and rented a farm. His first year of farming was with a team of horses. The next year he bought a John Deere tractor. Lowell loved everything about his diversified farm operation: the animals, crops, and keeping up with the current farming methods. In 1959 he bought his first farm, and moved ½ mile down the road to a house with running water; life was good. In 1960 an accident riding a horse caused him to break his hip. He was plagued with that bad hip for the next 54 years: five hip replacement operations plus one removal due to infection. He was adept with crutches!

Lowell and Mary earned many awards for their farming operations: swine, soil conservation, and Simmental cattle. In 1977 they retired from the farm and moved into Wessington. That lasted about two years. Then it was back and forth to the farm for the next 40 years. He will be remembered for his tomato crop and fresh chicken egg sales. In the 20 years from the 1990's to 2000's, Lowell could be seen pulling his fishing boat out to the river and back. Many of us enjoyed the fresh walleye he kept bringing home. He was proud of the fact his fish fillets didn't have any bones left in them! He also enjoyed his daily games of "pitch" and Saturday bingo.

Lowell was active in his community and church: Elder at First Presbyterian Church in Wessington, Legion treasurer for many years, Legion Commander, Wessington Masonic Lodge, and the Yel Duz Shrine as a member of the motor scooter parade group. Community volunteer in building the Wessington gym and Legion hall.

Survivors include his children: Deanna (Norg) Sanderson of Aberdeen, Delton (Susan) Prentice of Wessington, and Glenda (Doug) DeVore of Aberdeen; grandchildren: Lori (Jim) Skibbie of Maple Grove, MN, Shawna Prentice of Hillsboro, OR, Dan (Lindsey) Prentice of Bakersfield, CA, Rick Prentice of Wessington, Hannah Prentice of Hood River, OR, Drew Prentice of Wessington, and David Prentice of Wessington; great grandchildren: Michael Munsen of Rapid City and Dylan Prentice of Bakersfield, CA; step grandchild: Kari DeVore of Sallisaw, OK; sister, Karen (Niel) Hinek of Sturgis; special nephew, Jerold (Joyce) Zerfoss of Wessington; and many other nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents, AC and Clara Prentice; wife, Mary on September 21, 2000; three sisters: Jean Timmons, Venida Fritz, and Lois Stobbs; and one brother, Robert L. Prentice.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be directed to the First Presbyterian Church in Wessington or Watson-Krauter Post 110, American Legion in Wessington.

Cards can be mailed to the Family of Lowell Prentice, PO Box 96, Aberdeen, SD 57402-0096.

*Celebrating A Life*

# Lowell Prentice

February 19, 1922  
Wessington, South Dakota

June 22, 2016  
Miller, South Dakota

***FUNERAL SERVICE:***

10:00 a.m., Monday, June 27, 2016  
First Presbyterian Church  
Wessington, South Dakota

***OFFICIATING:*** Brad Magness

***CASKETBEARERS:***

Rick Prentice, Dan Prentice, Drew Prentice  
David Prentice, Jim Skibbie, Michael Munsen

***HONORARY CASKETBEARERS:***

Marvin Matthews, Jerold Zerfoss, Eddie Hohm  
Larry Rezek, Dwight Stubbs

***ORGANIST:*** Cleo Kleinsasser

***VOCALISTS:*** Lori Skibbie,  
Shawna Prentice, Hannah Prentice

*"Nearer My God To Thee"*

*"In the Garden"*

***CONGREGATIONAL HYMN:***

*"Amazing Grace"*

***INTERMENT:***

Wessington Cemetery  
Wessington, South Dakota

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