

... So God Made A Farmer ...

And on the 8th 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 fields, 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.

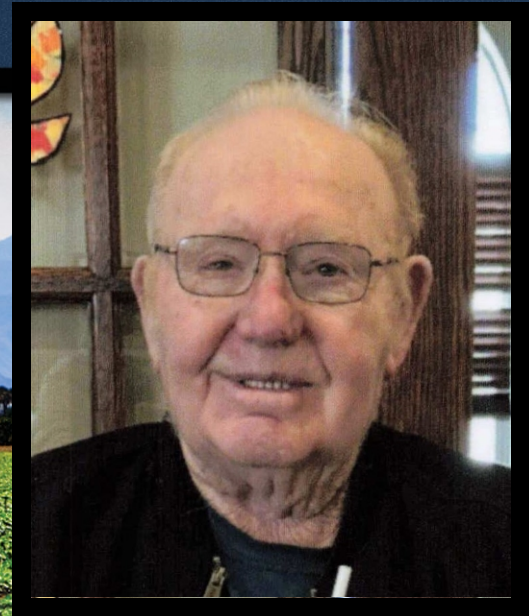
"I need somebody with arms strong enough to rustle a calf and yet gentle enough to deliver his own grandchild; somebody to call hogs, tame cantankerous machinery, come home hungry, have to wait lunch until his wife's done feeding visiting ladies, then tell the ladies to be sure and come back real soon -- and mean it" -- so God made a Farmer.

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 shape an ax handle from a persimmon sprout, shoe a horse with a hunk of car tire, who can make harness out of haywire, feed sacks and shoe scraps; who, planting time and harvest season, will finish his forty-hour week by Tuesday noon, and then pain'n from tractor back, put in another seventy-two hours" -- so God made a Farmer.

God had to have somebody willing to ride the ruts at double speed to get the hay in ahead of the rain clouds, and yet stop in mid-field and race to help when he sees the first smoke from a neighbor's place -- so God made a Farmer.

God said, "I need somebody strong enough to clear trees and heave bails, yet gentle enough to tame lambs and wean pigs and tend the pink-combed pullets, who will stop his mower for an hour to splint the broken leg of a meadow lark." "It had to be somebody who'd plow deep and straight and not cut corners; somebody to seed, weed, feed, breed and rake and disc and plow and plant and tie the fleece and strain the milk and replenish the self-feeder and finish a hard week's work with a five-mile drive to church; somebody who would bale a family together with the soft strong bonds of sharing, who would laugh, and then sigh, and then reply, with smiling eyes, when his son says that he wants to spend h life "doing what dad does" -- so God made a Farmer.

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In Memory Of

Harold Leroy Whirledge

October 12, 1934
Willow Lake, SD

August 31, 2024
De Smet, SD



Harold Leroy Whirlledge, 89, of Bryant, SD, passed away on Saturday, August 31, 2024, at the Good Samaritan Society - De Smet, SD.

A family graveside service will be held, per his wishes, at 2:30 p.m. on Wednesday, September 4, 2024 at the Our Redeemer Lutheran Cemetery in Bryant. Reverend Colin Beveridge will officiate. A time to celebrate his life will follow, starting at 4:00 p.m. at the Cutler Laube Shop in Bryant, all are invited to come celebrate his life.

Harold Leroy Whirlledge was born in rural Willow Lake, SD on October 12th, 1934, to Ted and Mabel (Poline) Whirlledge. Harold graduated from Rosedale Country School in the 8th grade. He then worked for various farmers and joined the National Guard.

On March 2nd, 1956, Harold and Evelyn Knock were joined in marriage in Lennox, SD. They then moved to Colorado Springs, CO, where Harold did his basic training for six months. They returned home where Harold farmed south of Willow Lake.

Harold was a member of the Willow Lake Lions Club, served on the Sight and Service Board, was on the Washington Township Board, and served on the Cenex Board of Bryant, SD. He enjoyed working with horses and cattle, pheasant and deer hunting, being in parades with his tractor and team of horses, and going south to Arizona in the wintertime.

Harold is survived by his wife Evelyn of Bryant, children: Donna Whirlledge of Brookings and Debra (Dallas) Laube of Bryant, granddaughter Elizabeth Moulton of Willow Lake, grandson Cutler Laube of Bryant, brothers Roger Whirlledge and Larry (JoAnn) Whirlledge, as well as several nieces.

He was preceded in death by his parents Ted and Mabel Whirlledge, sister-in-law Jerone Whirlledge, niece Teresa Whirlledge and Cody Verdon.

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Bryant, SD

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Officiating

Reverend Colin Beveridge

Celebration of Life

Cutler Laube Shop
Bryant, SD

4:00 P.M. Wednesday, September 4, 2024

Urn Bearers

Cutler Laube Jonny Ward

Honorary Urn Bearers

All of Harold's Friends

Final Resting Place

Our Redeemer Lutheran Cemetery
Bryant, SD