

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 and 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 and 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. And who, planting time and harvest season, will finish his forty-hour week by Tuesday noon, 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 bales, 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'd 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 he wants to spend his life 'doing what dad does.'" So God made a farmer.

In Loving Memory



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Ronald "Ron" Opsahl, age 68, of Carpenter died unexpectedly at his home on November 11, 2021.

Ronald Lee Opsahl was born October 8, 1953, in Huron, SD to Vernon and Mary (Tschetter) Opsahl. He attended elementary school in Carpenter and graduated from Willow Lake High School in 1971. He then attended South Dakota State University.

He lived near Carpenter his whole life farming with his dad and brothers and worked for a time at Huron Dress Beef. Ron preferred his John Deere equipment to farm with. He was a huge sports fan attending many events including SDSU football games and an annual trip to watch the Nebraska Cornhuskers. Ron enjoyed hunting including pheasants, deer and antelope.

Grateful for having shared in his life are his brother James and his wife Charlotte Opsahl of Carpenter, a niece Angela (Chris) Gilligan, a nephew Derek (Karrie) Opsahl, one grandniece Jordyn Gilligan, three grandnephews Kain and Gannon Gilligan and Ashton Opsahl, two step grandnieces and one step grandnephew.

He was preceded in death by his parents, a brother Harold Opsahl and one grandnephew Brady Gilligan.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests memorials to the Carpenter Methodist Church or Richland Cemetery Association.



Following the service, please join the family for lunch and a time of fellowship in the church basement prior to going to the cemetery.

The family of Ron Opsahl thanks you for your presence here today, for your thoughts, prayers, and other acts of kindness shown to them.



Celebrating the Life of Ron Opsahl



Services from

United Methodist Church
Carpenter, South Dakota
Tuesday, November 16, 2021
11:00 AM

Officiant

Pastor Brenda Wicks

Music

Crystal Grann – Organist
“Sweet By and By”
“The Old Rugged Cross”
“In the Garden”

Honorary Casket Bearers

Bruce Hofer Roger Korkow
Ron's Nephews Chris Gilligan, Kain Gilligan, Gannon Gilligan,
Ashton Opsahl & Nieces Angie Gilligan & Jordyn Gilligan

Casket Bearers

Rick Boomsma Eric Nelson Derick Hofer
Mace Roberts Dick Glanzer Derek Opsahl

Interment

Richland Cemetery
Carpenter, South Dakota