

Rennald's Legacy

If you asked Rennald what he wanted his children to learn growing up, his answer would be: 1. *Know how to work hard* 2. *Be honest* 3. *Help others*

All these were characteristics of Rennald himself, and his children witnessed him living them each and every day.

Rennald was an only child growing up on the farm near Wessington, South Dakota. He said since he didn't have siblings, his best friends were his pets like his dog and horse which more than likely influenced his future love of farming and ranching. He was very independent and was not used to having others around to get a job done.

Rennald was born with sight in just one eye. Always the pragmatist, he said he never missed having sight in both eyes because he never had it to miss. He didn't think about any limitations, and it never stopped him from doing any job. He was also an optimist. His belief was not to worry about anything beyond his control. Farming in SD gave him plenty of opportunities to put his belief to the test. He lived for today and always looked forward to the next day even at age 96.

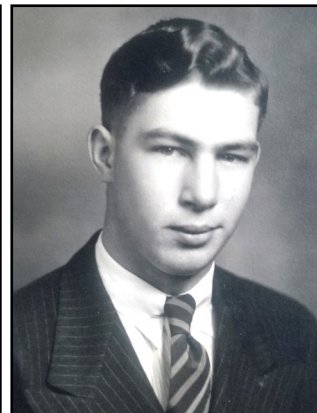
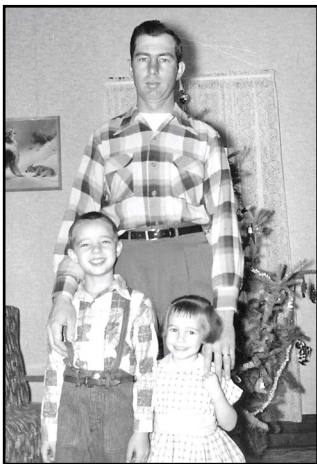
Rennald thoroughly enjoyed working. There were never enough hours in the day to accomplish his goals. He farmed until he was almost 85 years old. He felt knowing how to work hard was crucial to becoming a responsible adult plus important skills were learned along the way. Rennald was innovative and was willing to try new ideas to see if he could improve his farming operation. He saw many advances during his lifetime. He farmed with horses when he was younger and continued the progression to modern equipment. For example, he was the first in Whiteside Township to experiment with no-till farming and own a four-wheel drive tractor.

Rennald relished humor. He was equally happy to give or receive verbal banter coupled with a hearty laugh. Working alongside him was not drudgery. The day-to-day grind sprinkled with humor made working with him enjoyable.

Rennald was loyal, loving, and faithful. He and Bert were in partnership for over 66 years. Both loved and cared deeply for each other and were good examples for future generations to emulate. When Bert became ill, Rennald stood steadfast by her side. While she was in a nursing home for almost five years, he visited her every day.

Rennald was honest, kept his word, and was easy to get along with. He expected others to be as honest as he was. He expected them to keep their word like he did. He tried to be fair and friendly in personal and business dealings. Others were confident in associating with Rennald, because they knew his character would not change.

Rennald put his faith first. He and Bert were among some of the first members of the Concorida Lutheran Church in Wessington. He served many years in all offices of the church. He had a strong belief God was in control and lived his life accordingly. He never strayed from his beliefs in over ninety-six years. We were blessed to have Rennald as an unwavering role model for over 96 years leaving us his legacy which will live on for future generations.



In Loving Memory Of
Rennald Stiner

January 3, 1926

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October 1, 2022



Rennald Ethan Stiner was born at home on January 3, 1926, to Alford and Martha (Moller) Stiner in Whiteside Township in Beadle County, South Dakota. He received his elementary education through eighth grade at Whiteside Consolidated School. Rennald enjoyed drama and speech activities in grade school and high school. While in high school, he began his life-long farming and ranching career when a neighbor asked Rennald if he wanted to rent some farm ground. The Stiner family farmed with horses before purchasing their first tractor in 1943, and they continued to use both for a few more years. He graduated from Wessington High School in 1944.

Rennald married Bertha Horsley on October 8, 1950, at St. John's Lutheran Church in Wolsey. They farmed and ranched east of Wessington. A son, Kerry, and daughter, Rennae, completed their family. In 1960, they moved to a farm six miles northeast of Wessington.

Rennald volunteered and was elected for many church, community, and civic duties throughout his life. When Rennald was asked to speak while holding various offices or serving on committees, he readily accepted, as he was very comfortable speaking to groups. He was a township supervisor for over 40 years, served on the Cenex Board for 12 years, vice-president and director of Hand County Farm Bureau, and was an active member of the Stock Grower's Association and Farmer's Union. He was also a member of the Parent Teacher's Organization while his children were in school and elected president for two years.

Rennald and Bert were some of the first members of the Concordia Lutheran Church in Wessington, and he helped move and establish the church building. After being baptized and confirmed on February 4, 1953, he held all offices of the church and at least one office at all times until later in life. Rennald and the family were actively involved in 4-H. He coached boys 4-H softball for three years as well as assisted with many 4-H activities.

He lived nearly his entire life within six miles of Wessington and was physically active in farming and ranching for 70 years, until almost 85 years old. He loved to work hard, and there were never enough hours in the day for him to do everything he wanted. In 2010, Rennald and Bertha moved from the farm to Huron, South Dakota, but he continued to manage his farming and ranching operation for several more years. In April of 2022, he moved to Sioux Falls, South Dakota, and was currently residing at Dow Rummel Village.

Rennald will be remembered for his dedication to the Lord, honesty, ethics, love of farming and ranching, eagerness to learn and implement new ideas, ambition, hard work, attention to details and quality of work, ability to meet and greet friends and strangers, willingness to serve, positivity, and optimism. Humor was his best friend. In later years, he enjoyed "going for coffee" and

looked forward to the verbal bantering. He relished every day and did not look back with regret or fear the future.

Traveling later in life was pleasurable for Rennald, but his greatest joy throughout his life was his family. He is survived by his son, Kerry (Bonnie) Stiner of Burke, South Dakota, along with their children, Brianna Hoffman (Jack, Ava, Reese), Tiffany (Nate) Miller (Noah, Luke, Graham), and Kollin (Sarah) Stiner (Isabel, Nora, Karson); his daughter, Rennae (Dave) Padderud of Britt, Iowa, along with their children, Dustyn Padderud and Kelsey (Nick) Baker (Brody, Eli, Brooke). Brother-in-law and sisters-in-law, Wayne and Joan Horsley of Wessington and Sharon Menning of Farewell, Texas.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Martha and Alford; his wife, Bertha on August 31, 2017; brothers-in-law and sisters-in-law, Lula and Leslie Wedge, Alma and Richard Plate, Ruth Thomas, Tressie and Melvin Beck, Myrtle and Henry Van Asperen and Roger Menning; and grandson-in-law, Andy Hoffman.

Funeral Service

Saturday, October 8, 2022 — 10:30 AM
St. John's Lutheran Church, Wolsey, South Dakota

Officiating Clergy

Rev. L. Scott Spiehs

Music

Brenda Sievers — Organist

- Congregational Hymns -

Beyond The Sunset

What A Friend We Have In Jesus

Amazing Grace

Casket Bearers

Brianna Hoffman

Tiffany Miller

Kollin Stiner

Dustyn Padderud

Kelsey Baker

Jack Hoffman

Interment

Wessington Cemetery, Wessington, South Dakota

Kuhler Funeral Home, Huron, South Dakota