

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 his life "doing what dad does"

-- so God made a Farmer.

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In Memory Of

Everett Dean Hanson

October 16, 1934 - August 17, 2024



Everett Hanson, age 89, died Saturday, August 17, 2024, at Avantara Nursing Home of Clark, SD with family by his side.

Everett Dean Hanson was born October 16, 1934, to Lawrence and Martha (Anderson) Hanson. Everett attended elementary school in Elrod and graduated from Clark High School in 1952. While in high school, he was very active in FFA and received the American Farmer Degree. He started his farming career at age 16 when his father passed away.

Everett married Erlene Dekker (the neighbor girl) on August 12, 1956, at the Clark United Methodist Church. The couple welcomed two daughters to their farm, Barbara and Connie. Everett raised small grain, corn, potatoes and cattle. One of his favorites was spending time at their cabin on Lake Kampeska with friends and family. Erlene and Everett spent many winters in Mesa, Arizona making many friends. In 2017, Everett and Erlene moved to Stoney Brook Suites in Watertown. Everett started his long battle with Alzheimer's at 80 years old.

He was a member of the United Methodist Church of Clark and the Clark Lions Club.

Everett is survived by his wife, Erlene of Clark, daughters, Barbara (Lowell) Dalton of Clark and Connie (Steve) Lundholm of Watertown, along with his grandchildren and great grandchildren, Joe and Tonia, Sam, Dan and Sophie Dalton of Watertown, Jon and TuongVy and Ashlyn Dalton of Clark, Nick and Ashley, Coop and Dane Dalton of Clark, Mike and Angie, Chris, Jenny and Ben Bevers of Watertown, Marie and Matt, Haley and Hogan Hlavacek of Watertown, and Tanner Lundholm of Watertown and several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Lawrence and Martha Hanson, brother, Loren (Carleton) Hanson, son-in-law, Bill Bevers, and brother-in-law, Clifford (Boots) Dekker.

Please join the family for lunch and a time of fellowship in the church fellowship hall following the service prior to leaving for the cemetery.

In Memory Of
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Services

United Methodist Church
Clark, South Dakota
Thursday, August 22, 2024, 10:30 am

Officiating

Pastor Rob Salmonson

Speaker

Joe Dalton, Grandson

Reader

Mike Bevers, Grandson

Music

Wanda Bethke - Organist
"Because He Lives"
"Amazing Grace"
"Precious Lord, Take My Hand"

Casket Bearers

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| Joe Dalton | Jon Dalton |
| Nick Dalton | Mike Bevers |
| Marie Hlavacek | Tanner Lundholm |
| DuWayne Dekker | Mark Hanson |

Final Resting Place

Lorinda Cemetery
Henry, South Dakota



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