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 someone ready to get up before dawn and milk the cows, till the fields, milk the cows again, and then go to town and stay past midnight at the meeting of the school board.

So God Made a Farmer.

God said, I need somebody 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 axe handle from a Persimmon sprout, shoe a horse with a hunk of tire, make a harness out of hay wire, feedsacks and shoe scraps. Who, at planting time and harvest season, will finish his fourty hour week by Tuesday noon, Then, pain'n from tractor back put in another seventy two hours.

So God Made a Farmer.

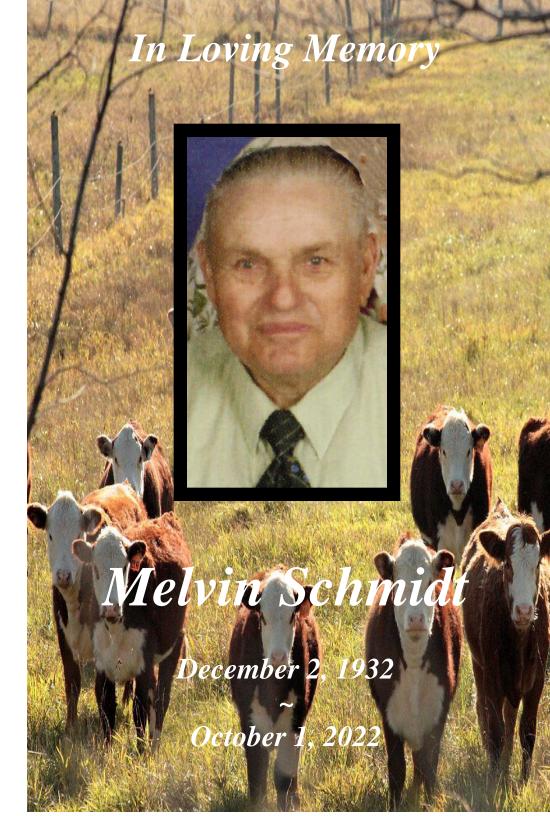
God said, I need somebody strong enough to clear trees and heave bales, yet gentle enough to tame lambs and wean pigs and tend the pink combed pullets, who will stop his mower for an hour to splint the broken leg of a Meadow Lark.

So God Made a Farmer.

It had to be somebody who'd plow deep and straight and not cut corners, somebody to seed and weed, feed and breed, rake and disc, plow and plant, tie the fleece and strain the milk. Somebody who'd bale a family together with the soft, strong bonds of sharing, who'd 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.



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IN LOVING MEMORY Melvin Donald Schmidt 1932 ~ 2022

VISITATION

9:30 a.m. – 10:30 a.m. Tuesday, October 4, 2022 Zion Lutheran Church Scotland, South Dakota

FUNERAL SERVICE 10:30 a.m. Tuesday, October 4, 2022 Zion Lutheran Church Scotland, South Dakota

> CLERGY Pastor Larry Jerke

MUSIC

Jan Kocer ~ organist Congregational Hymns Amazing Grace How Great Thou Art Doxology

PALLBEARERS

Eldon Fauth, Mark Guthmiller Chris Haiar, Ben Abbey Arlen Schmidt & Ken Kaldun

> INTERMENT Rosehill Cemetery Scotland, South Dakota

Melvin was born Friday, December 2, 1932 to Alex and Bertha (Fischer) Schmidt at Parkston, SD. Melvin grew up on the family farm, which he nurtured until his retirement. He completed 8th grade in country school.

Melvin married Delores Winckler, who passed away in 2000. Melvin then wed Carolyn Holm, June 15, 2002.

Melvin was a simple man who loved to farm. He raised pigs and Hereford cattle. When work allow, Melvin could be found driving the country side, checking on neighbors and area crops.

Melvin passed away Saturday, October 1, 2022 at Diamond Care Center in Bridgewater, SD. He was 89 years old.

Melvin is survived by his sister, Charlotte Fredrick of Mitchell; seven nieces and nephews.

He is preceded in death by his wives, Delores in 2000 and Carolyn in 2017; his brother, Reuben; sister, Lucille and one niece.

