

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 forty 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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the family and friends of Melvin Schmidt
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In Loving Memory



Melvin Schmidt

December 2, 1932

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October 1, 2022

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.

