

GOD MADE A FARMER

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 can-
tankerous 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 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.

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; some-
body 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.



In Loving Memory *Donald Pruisner*



June 26, 1929~ September 8, 2023

In Loving Memory

Donald Pruisner

Donald (Don) Arthur Pruisner, 94, passed away peacefully on September 8, 2023, of complications of a well-lived life. Don was born on June 26, 1929, to Henry and Grace (Freese) Pruisner in a farmhouse four miles northwest of Dike, Iowa, the fourth of six children. Don graduated from Dike High School in 1947, worked at Rath Packing Company just long enough to know he did not want that career, and began farming with his brother Kenny. He continued to farm with his son Kevin.

Don married Leona Aswegan on May 10, 1950. Don and Leona farmed side-by-side, eventually building their family farm operation one mile from where Don was born. Don and Leona were active in their churches, Salem Lutheran and then Fredsville Lutheran. When the last child went to college they began wintering in south Texas, square dancing and playing cards till the cows came home. Don and Leona were married 73 years; his second loves include farming, Leona's pie (!), John Deere, more farming, being with family, and winning card games.

Surviving Don is his wife Leona, four sons Randy (Lorie) of Spirit Lake, Kendall (Peggy) of Clear Lake, Kevin (Pat) of Dike, Darwin (CoLeen) of Boulder, CO, and one daughter Robin (Mark Venner) of McCallsburg, 10 grandchildren, and 20 great-grandchildren.

Visitation is planned at Fredsville Lutheran Church on Wednesday, September 13, 5-7 pm. Funeral services will be held at Fredsville Thursday, September 14, 10:30 am. Burial at Oak Hill Cemetery in Parkersburg will follow a proper Lutheran funeral lunch.

Funeral Service

10:30 a.m.

Thursday, September 14, 2023

Fredsville Lutheran Church

Dike, Iowa

Officiating

Rev. Lee Gable

Accompanist

Jean Loger

Casket Bearers

Chad Pruisner

Micah Pruisner

Donny Pruisner

Sara Newell

Lynn Aswegan

Taylor Pruisner

Honorary Casket Bearers

Abby Pruisner

Matt King

Ben King

Paige Mattice

Lynn Miller

Zach King

Final Resting Place

Oak Hill Cemetery

Parkersburg, Iowa