



Close the Gate

By Nancy Kraayenhof

*For this one farmer the worries are over, lie down and rest your head,
Your time has been and struggles enough, put the tractor in the shed.*

*Years were not easy, many downright hard, but your faith in God
transcended, put away your tools and sleep in peace.
The fences have all been mended.*

*You raised a fine family, worked the land well and always followed the Son.
Hang up your shovel inside of the barn; your work here on earth is done.*

*A faith few possess led your journey through life, often a jagged and stony
way, the sun is setting, the cattle are all bedded,
and here now is the end of your day.*

*Your love of God's soil has passed on to your kin; the stories flow like fine
wine, wash off your work boots in the puddle
left by blessed rain one final time.*

*You always believed that the good Lord would provide and He always had
somehow, take off your gloves and put them down,
no more sweat and worry for you now.*

*Your labor is done, your home now is heaven; no more must you wait, Your
legacy lives on, your love of the land, and we will close the gate.*

IN LOVING MEMORY OF
*Charles Orloe
Lindquist*



FUNERAL SERVICE
Saturday, January 21, 2023
1:00 p.m.
Zion Lutheran Church
Ortonville, Minnesota

OFFICIANT

Pastor Janet Tengbom Warnes

MUSICIANS

Lois Peterson, Organist
Mark Lindquist, Vocalist
Ellie Helegeson, Trumpeter

CASKET BEARERS

Richard Guse | Larry Guse | Harry Hipple
Ron Schumacher | Ron Riesdorph | Robin Baerwaldt
Mark "Elmer" Thompson | Tim Burdick

HONORARY BEARERS

Big Stone Township Board
Big Stone Township Variance Board
Ortonville School Foundation Board
Staff and Residents of Fairway View Neighborhoods

MILITARY HONORS

American Veterans Association Post 151
Appleton, Minnesota

INTERMENT

Mound Cemetery - Ortonville, Minnesota

APPRECIATION

Chuck's family is grateful for your attendance at this service.
Your many expressions of kindness and love are deeply
appreciated. Following the graveside service, please join the family
for food and fellowship in the church dining room.

Mundwiler and Larson Funeral Home - Ortonville, Minnesota

Charles Orloe Lindquist was born on December 26, 1935, in Ortonville, MN. He was the son of Fred Elmer Lindquist and Clara Olene Helgeson Lindquist. Chuck grew up on the family farm north of Ortonville, MN. The family farm was the center of his livelihood, and he lived there for almost his entire life. He moved to Fairway View Neighborhoods in August of 2022 when his health began to deteriorate, and he remained there until he passed away. He was baptized and confirmed at Zion Lutheran Church in Ortonville. Chuck attended country school at District 60 and District 2. He attended and graduated from Ortonville High School.

Chuck worked for four years as a hired hand for Bob Rothi before he returned to the family farm to work with his parents. During those years, many children, both from within and outside of his family, spent a great deal of time on the farm enjoying all the fascinating experiences of rural life with Chuck as their de facto teacher and mentor. He enlisted in the Minnesota Army National Guard and served from 1953 to 1963, rising to the rank of Staff Sergeant (E-6). Chuck was proud of his military service and often shared stories of life at Camp Ripley, MN. He was well known for his innovative and unconventional methods of dealing with farm contingencies that generated innumerable stories over the decades.

Chuck was united in marriage with Sharilyn "Shari" Sievers on May 26, 1984, in Ortonville. Chuck gained an instant family of three teenagers with the marriage. He and Shari made their home on the farm for the rest of their lives.

From 1988-1989, Chuck and Shari hosted a foreign exchange student, Michiel "Theunis" Neethling, from South Africa. They were dedicated foster parents to multiple children in need for 5 years.

Chuck and Shari loved to travel. They were fortunate to visit the United States Air Force Academy multiple times while their son, Kevin, attended college there. They visited seven of the eight different Air Force bases where Kevin was stationed during his 22-year career in the Air Force. They visited their daughter, Kathy, at the University of Minnesota Duluth and son, Ken, at Fort Riley, KS, just prior to his deployment to Saudi Arabia for Operation Desert Storm. They also traveled to Alaska, Hawaii, Germany, The Netherlands, Austria, France, Norway, Finland, and South Africa, and they were proud to claim they had been to the northernmost point of Europe and the southernmost point of Africa.

Over the years, Chuck served as a leader in the community. He served on the Ortonville School Foundation, Big Stone Township Board, and Big Stone Township Variance Board. Chuck was a member of the Gideons since 1997. He was a life-long member of Zion Lutheran Church and served as a member and chairman of the church board for multiple years. Chuck was also involved in many agricultural organizations in various capacities too numerous to list. He and Shari enjoyed square dancing. They had a passion for animals, and they rode horses on many trail rides. They were members of the Whetstone Valley Drill Team. They raised and trained border collies and competed in competition trials in five states. They loved watching their children and grandchildren compete in dog shows, horse shows, and athletics. They were avid bicycle riders, and they rode in The Ride Across Minnesota (T.R.A.M.) multiple times. Chuck and his nephews enjoyed hunting together on the farm and elsewhere for about 40 years.

Left to cherish his memory are two step-sons: Kenneth Sutton of Rapid City, SD; and Kevin (Heidi) Sutton of Niceville, FL; seven grandchildren; five great-grandchildren; siblings: Derald Lindquist of Correll, MN; Myrna (John) Adams of Lakeville, MN; and Gordon (Diane) Lindquist of Ortonville, MN; nephews: John, Nathan, and Jason Adams; niece, Heidi Lindquist Bucher, and nephew, Mark Lindquist. He was preceded in death by his parents, Fred and Clara; wife, Sharilyn; step-daughter, Kathryn Wiseman; and grandson, Ashley Sutton.



*A Father's steady hand
prepares us for
the world...
He endures
forever in
our hearts.*