

So 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 with arms strong enough to rustle a calf yet gentle enough to deliver his own grandchild.

Somebody to call hogs, tame cantankerous machinery, come home hungry, have to wait for lunch until his wife's done feeding, visiting ladies and tell the ladies to be sure and come back real soon-and mean it."

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God said, "I need someone willing to set 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. And who, 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."

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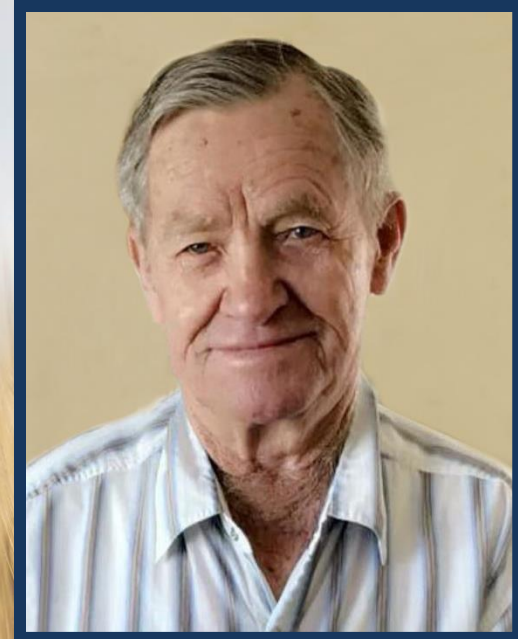
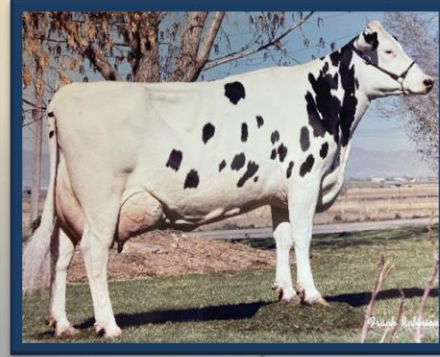
God had to have somebody willing to ride the ruts at double speed to get the hay in ahead of the rain clouds and yet stop in mid-field and race to help when he sees the first smoke from a neighbor's place.

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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'd bale a family together with the soft strong bonds of sharing, who would laugh and then sigh, and reply, with smiling eyes, when his son says he wants to spend his life 'doing what dad does.'"

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Rodney F Nelson

January 14, 1932 – December 30, 2023

Pallbearers

Scotty Nelson	Angela Tingey
Kirk Nelson	Jimmy Stewart
Cale Cook	Skyler Hunsaker
Bradley Taylor	

Honorary Pallbearers

14 Granddaughters
 16 Grandsons
 Great Grandchildren
 Great-Great Grandchildren

Compassionate Services

Honeyville 3rd Ward Relief Society

Funeral Services

Saturday, January 6, 2024- 11 A.M.

Honeyville LDS Chapel

Conducting Bishop Chad Kirby
 Family Prayer Jackie Nelson, *Daughter*
 Prelude & Postlude Damon Christensen
 Chorister Joan Isom
 Opening Hymn Congregation, #85

“How Firm a Foundation”

Invocation Peggy Sue Stewart, *Daughter*
 Speaker Bruce Nelson, *Son*
 Hymn Congregation

“In the Garden”

Speaker Keevin Nelson, *Son*
 Closing Remarks Bishop Chad Kirby
 Closing Hymn Congregation, #308

“Love One Another”

Benediction Marlene Cook, *Daughter*

Interment

Honeyville Cemetery

Dedicatory Prayer Bruce Nelson, *Son*