

## *Grandpa's Farm*

*It is a place etched in my memory  
And has been my entire life.  
Grandpa's farm was  
like my home too  
Along with grandma,  
grandpa's wife.*

*I remember walks down to the fields  
With grandpa on a sunny day.  
Listening to the many things  
That grandpa used to say.*

*"What was it like  
when you were a boy?"  
I would often say to him.  
And then I'd listen to every story  
For each one was a delightful gem.*

*Riding along with him in the tractor or combine,  
My brother and I filled with great joy.  
Sharing memories with our grandpa was surely divine.  
What wonderful times for a little girl & boy.*

*Grandpa used that old rusty lock  
For he kept his barn secure.  
The boards grew old, paint chipped off  
But for so many years they endured.*

*Devoted husband, father, grandfather, & friend;  
In our hearts you will remain forever.  
Until we come to Heaven and meet you again;  
We will remember you always and forget you never!*

*Although he is gone now but, you know?  
He always had so much charm.  
Yes, etched in my mind forever  
Are memories of Grandpa's farm!*

IN LOVING MEMORY OF

# *Wayne Laverne Schoon*

WHO WAS BORN  
September 24, 1933  
Sioux Falls, South Dakota

AND CALLED TO HIS ETERNAL HOME  
March 26, 2024  
Ortonville, Minnesota

FUNERAL SERVICE  
Saturday, March 30, 2024 - 1:00 p.m.  
Zion Lutheran Church  
Ortonville, Minnesota

OFFICIANT  
Reverend Richard Larson

MUSICIANS  
Sara Verheul, Organist  
Brandon Nelson & Kevin Nelson, Vocalists  
Franky Koval, Vocalist & Guitarist

CASKET BEARERS  
Brandon Nelson | Kevin Nelson | Joshua Nelson  
Ayden Nelson | Jim Nelson | Franky Koval

HONORARY BEARERS  
All of Wayne's Great-Grandchildren  
Morgan Exferd | Oivia Nelson | Kevin Nelson  
Alayna Nelson | Brianna Nelson | Addison Koval  
Ayden Nelson | Aria Koval | Emma Koval | Daniel Pond

INTERMENT  
Holden Lutheran Church Cemetery  
Foster Township, Big Stone County, Minnesota

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

*Mundwiler and Larson Funeral Home - Ortonville, Minnesota*

Wayne Laverne Schoon was born on September 24, 1933, in Sioux Falls, SD, to Carl and Lillian (Klinger) Schoon. When Wayne was six years old, the family relocated to the Beardsley, MN, area. He attended school through eighth grade in Rural School District #8 Foster Township of Big Stone County, MN, and attended Morris Ag School in Morris, MN.

Wayne began working alongside Vince Stegner in 1954. Together, they farmed, raised beef cattle, and sold everything from feed to machinery. Vince played a huge role in Wayne's life and this partnership ignited his love of farming. He was a boss, a mentor, and their relationship evolved into one of his greatest friendships. His commitment to agriculture was a testament to his unwavering work ethic and love for the land.

A man of faith, Wayne was a long-standing member of Zion Lutheran Church, where he actively participated in various church activities including serving on the church council, doing snow removal, and ushering. His involvement in the church was a reflection of his deep-rooted values and his desire to serve his community.

On February 5, 1955, Wayne was united in marriage with Ethel Gustafson. Together, they were blessed with two children and made their home near Ortonville, MN.

Beyond his work and church commitments, Wayne found joy in the simple pleasures of life. He enjoyed fishing, hunting, evening country drives, antiquing, machinery and Western movies. Wayne was known for giving sound advice and always prioritized his family, cherishing every moment spent with his loved ones.

Wayne is survived by his wife of 69 years, Ethel (Gustafson) Schoon of Ortonville, MN; two children: Cindy (Jim) Nelson of Ortonville, MN; and Dave (Merry) Schoon of Ortonville, MN; four grandchildren: Brandon (Heather) Nelson, Joshua (Kylene) Nelson, Amanda Exferd, and Holly (Franky) Koval; one step-granddaughter, Candace Wilson; nine great-grandchildren: Morgan Exferd, Olivia Nelson, Kevin Nelson, Alayna Nelson, Brianna Nelson, Addison Koval, Ayden Nelson, Aria Koval, and Emma Koval; one step-great-grandson, Daniel Pond; brothers: Roy (Virginia) Schoon and Herb (Barb) Schoon; sister, Carol (Bill) Ulrich; sister-in-law, Sally Gustafson; along with many nieces, nephews, and cousins.

Preceding him in death are his parents; mother and father-in-law, Cynthia and Irwin Gustafson; great-nephew, Daniel Schoon; sister-in-law, Laura Marshall; and brothers-in-law: Vern Marshall and Duane Gustafson.

## *Treasured Seasons*

*To everything there is  
a season, and a time  
for every purpose  
under heaven:*

*A time to be born and  
a time to die; a time to  
plant, and a time to  
pluck up that which is  
planted;*

*A time to kill and a  
time to heal; a time to  
break down and a  
time to build up;*

*A time to weep, and a  
time to laugh; a time to  
mourn and a time to  
dance;*

*A time to cast away  
stones, and a time to  
gather stones together;  
a time to embrace, and  
a time to refrain from  
embracing.*

*A time to get, and a  
time to lose; a time to  
keep, and a time to  
cast away;*

*A time to rend, and a  
time to sew; a time to  
keep silence and a  
time to speak;*

*A time to love, and a  
time to hate; a time of  
war and  
a time of peace.*

