



Close the Gate

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 passed down through the times.

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.

- Nancy Kraayenhof

In Loving Memory CELEBRATING A LIFE

Funeral Service

McPherson Church of Christ
McPherson, KS
Saturday, April 16, 2022, at 11:00 a.m.

Officiant

Kenny Graham

Congregational Singing

Randy Ellwood, song leader
"The Last Mile of the Way"
"Fairest Lord Jesus"
"This World is Not My Home"

Final Resting Place

Windom Cemetery
Windom, KS

Pallbearers

Derek Ellwood Justin Prindle Joshua Prindle
Kyler Bergkamp Tristan Block
Steve Adams Zach Newton

Honorary Pallbearers

Gary Holler Ernie Smyers Bill Teeter
Stanley McNally Kurt McNally
Mark Teeter Kent Teeter

Memorial Donations

Memorial donations may be given to Sandstone Heights Nursing Home, Little River, KS.

Appreciation

The Ellwood family wishes to express sincere appreciation for your prayers and kindness, evidenced in thought and deed, and for your presence at this service.

Stockham Family Funeral Home

A Celebration of Life *Galland E. Ellwood* *August 26, 1932 - April 12, 2022*





Grandpa Galland

Galland grew up in rural Windom. He attended Castle Hill elementary and literally rode his horse to school! He went to 7th grade in Marquette, KS. Then, he attended Windom Jr. High and High School. He graduated HS in Windom in 1951. Probably one of the ONLY things he loved about school was basketball (obviously, not part of the curriculum, but he really wished it was!). He did excel in basketball and won All State honors his senior year. He met his sweetheart Della Meek while in HS (the second thing he loved about HS... also, not part of the curriculum). They married while he was on leave from the Army, September 1, 1953. While in HS, he was active in 4H and other various sports as time allowed. Galland grew up during the Great Depression, and learned early on how to get by during hard times. He helped milk cows before school, and worked the farm along with his dad and grand dads. His work ethic and sense of humor were "inspired" by these men. His grandmothers and mother were an important influence on his upbringing and spiritual development. He attended the Windom Church of Christ, and was a committed Christian man. Never perfect, but a committed follower of Jesus Christ.

After HS, Galland served 2 years in the Army, stationed at Ft. Riley and Ft. Bragg. Their first "home" was a little camper shared with another young couple. By the time their first born son Mike arrived, Galland had served his time and was back home on the farm in Windom, eking out a living along with family and neighbors. He farmed and ranched and drove the school bus for a while. Galland always had horses and used them for work,

but occasionally enjoyed giving his kids sled rides behind the horse when the snow came. He made sure all his kids had a horse of their own and most learned to ride well. He took his family to church every Sunday and led a prayer before each meal... no matter what! He served on the township board for Castle Township for many years. Galland attended every event he could manage, to watch his kids and grandkids in action. He even made it to Oklahoma a few times to watch something they were involved in.

Galland was always willing to lend a hand to a neighbor in need. He was a ruthless card shark, and although he thought of himself as uneducated, he could do sums in his head far better than most. He worked hard and expected the same of his children and his help. He suffered greatly with the loss of his son, but allowed his faith and time to cover over the wound. His faith remained strong, and is the most important legacy he leaves us.



Galland Eugene Ellwood, 89, of Windom, KS, passed away peacefully on Tuesday, April 12, 2022, at Sandstone Heights Nursing Home. Galland was born August 26, 1932, in McPherson, KS, the son of Glenford and Acelee Ellwood of Windom, KS. Galland was united in marriage to Della M. (Meek) Ellwood on September 1st, 1953. This union was blessed with 4 children. After serving 2 years in the Army, he returned home to Windom to farm for the entirety of his life.

Survivors include: His wife, Della; Three children: Randall (Randy) Ellwood (Nancy), Rhonda Fortenberry, Krystal (Krysti) Bergkamp (Jason), all of Windom, KS; Nine grandchildren: Derek Ellwood (Megan), Leslie Block (Tristan), Jenna Adams (Steve), Callie Ellwood, Justin Prindle (Krista), Josh Prindle, Jamie Newton (Zach), Jaylie Bergkamp, Kyler Bergkamp; Ten great-grandchildren: Kate, Addyson, Jordyn, Isla, Andrew, Kamdyn, James, Acelee, Brecklyn, and Rory; Sisters: Jeanine McNally (Stanley) of Salina, KS, and Linda Teeter (Bill) of Little River, KS; Numerous cousins, nephews, and nieces.

He was preceded in death by his son, Michael (Mike) Ellwood (1954-1966), his parents, Glenford and Acelee Ellwood, his sons-in-law, Nick Prindle and David Fortenberry, and his great-grandson, Calum Block.