

And on the eighth 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.

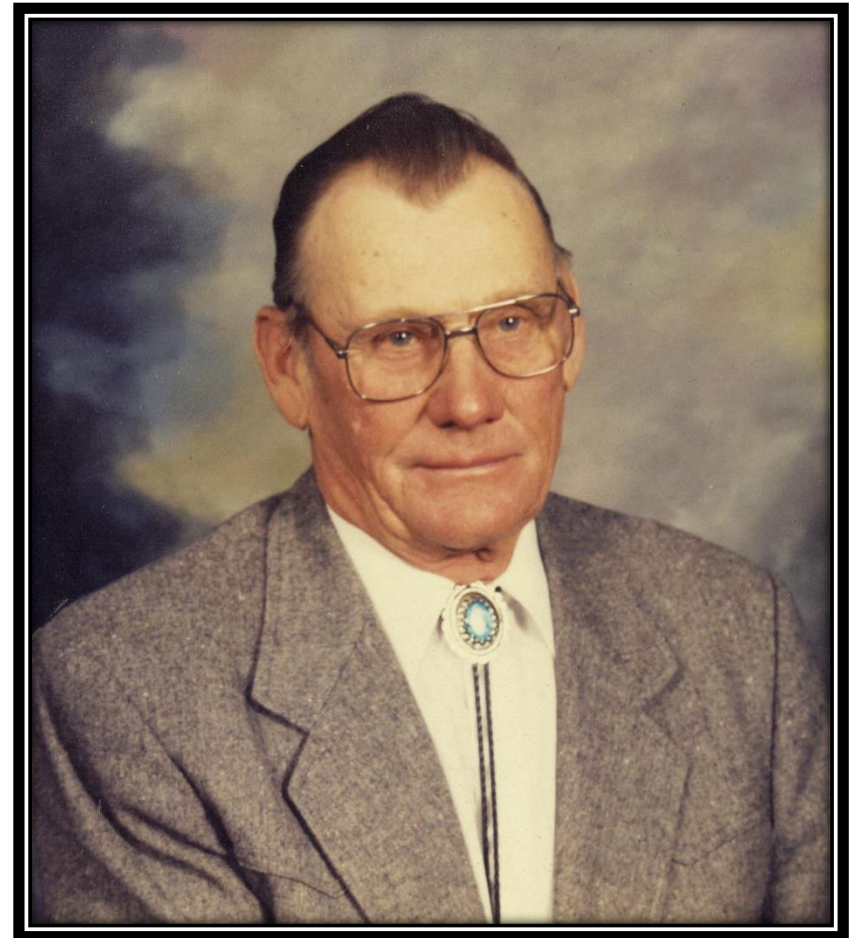
God said, "I need somebody willing to sit up all night with a newborn colt and watch it die, and dry his eyes and say, 'Maybe next year.' I need somebody who can shape an ax handle from a persimmon sprout, shoe a horse with a hunk of car tire, who can make harness out of haywire, feed sacks, and shoe scraps. Who at planting time and harvest season will finish his 40-hour week by Tuesday noon and then, painin' from tractor back, put in another 72 hours." 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.

God said, "I need somebody strong enough to clear trees and heave bales, 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." 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 disk, 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 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



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Funeral Service
10:30 a.m.
Thursday, April 9, 2020
St. Leo Catholic Church
Tyndall, South Dakota

Celebrant
Fr. Joe Forcelle

Casket bearers
Nick Kniffen, Mike Hajek
Virgil Tjeerdsma, Dennis Walloch
Dan Horacek & David Schenkel

Interment
Military Funeral Honors by
Pike-Wagner American Legion Post #2
Simek-Ptak VFW Post #6895 &
South Dakota National Guard
Funeral Honors
St Leo Catholic Cemetery
Tyndall, South Dakota

Laddie Lawrence Horacek was born Tuesday, May 7, 1929 to Charles and Helen (Walloch) Horacek in Yankton County. He completed the eighth grade at Dunwoody Country School.

Laddie began his farming career working with the Rezac family. He served in the Army during the Korean War and spent over 17 months overseas. Laddie was honorably discharged in 1953 as an ERC Engineer. He was the recipient of the Korean Service Medal, Bronze Service Star and the UN Service Medal.

When Laddie returned to civilian life he came back to Tyndall and farmed with his family. Laddie married Jane Pavlik May 11, 1954 at St. Wenceslaus Catholic Church in Verdigre, Nebraska. He and Jane purchased their own farm in 1961 just south west of Tyndall, where they made their home and raised their children.

Laddie was a member of the VFW and St. Leo Catholic Church. Laddie loved to fish, travel and camp. He met many friends traveling to Montana several years for calf sales.

Laddie Lawrence Horacek, age 90, of rural Tyndall, died Friday, April 5, 2020 in hospice at his daughter and son-in-law's home in Sioux Falls.

Laddie is survived by his daughter Laurie (Andy) Bass; grandson Kenny Bass; sisters-in-law Blanche Skoken, Jeanne Pavlik, Carolyn Pavlik-Larson and Grace Pavlik; brothers-in-law John Rudloff and Charles Johnson; several nieces and nephews.

He is preceded in death by his wife Jane; son Darryl; parents and brothers Raymond, Lloyd and Charles.