



*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 axle 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 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 said, "I need somebody strong enough to clear trees and heave bales, yet gentle enough to yeon 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 brake, and disk, and plow, and plant, and tie the fleece and strain the milk. 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*

*Russell A. Askew*

*November 4, 1931 - October 3, 2022*





It is with heavy hearts that the family of Russell Askew announce his passing on October 3, 2022 in Cavalier, ND.

Russell Alfred Askew was born on November 4, 1931, to Leslie and Edna (Horsley) Askew in St. Joseph Township, ND. The fourth of seven children, Russell was close with his family, cherishing and maintaining those relationships throughout his life. After high school, he joined the Marine Corps and honorably served his country in the Korean War. Upon his return from the war, he married Maureen Jenson, to whom he was devoted until her death in 2018. His children were undoubtedly the true joy of his life, and both were by

his side when the Lord took him home. He was very proud of his four grandchildren and three great grandchildren-the third being born hours before he passed.

At his core, Russell was a farmer's farmer. Under the Askew Brother Farms name, he and his brother, Adrian, found great pleasure in making the land they farmed flourish year after year, arguably maintaining the straightest rows in Pembina County. Never one to keep his knowledge to himself, he generously shared what he knew to those that wanted his advice. He loved to embark on area crop tours in his pickup and comment on the growing fields. If you heard him utter "good crop", you knew he was impressed. He had great respect for the land and even when he couldn't farm after a series of strokes, he would still hoe his garden with one hand while sitting in his wheelchair, simply because he loved it.

Although a man of few words, his legendary hugs spoke volumes. The long embraces were filled with endless love, warmth, and kindness. He was tough as nails but had a calm welcoming demeanor that made everyone he met feel at ease. He was loyal and devoted to his family, especially his two children, Mark and Robin. He was a devoted NDSU Bison fan and filled with pride watching Mark play football for the Bison and Robin twirl the baton in the Gold Star Marching Band.

Nobody will ever be able to take the place of Russell in the loves of those who loved him, most notably his devoted children, Mark Askew (Lisa) of Fargo, ND and Robin Jenkins of Cavalier, ND; brother Gordon Askew (Norma) of Cavalier; sister Grace Robbie of Minneapolis, MN; grandchildren, Brandon Askew (Kayle) of Fargo; Brittany Brown (Lamar) of Fort Worth, TX; Cody Jenkins (Kelly) of Red Feather Lakes, CO; Boomer Jenkins of Fairfax, VA; great-grandchildren, Laken and Sedona Askew of Fargo and Charlotte Brown of Fort Worth, TX. He is preceded in death by his loving wife, Maureen, his parents Leslie and Edna Askew, brothers: Melvin and Adrian and sisters: Ivadele and Doreen.

He will be endlessly missed but his family and those that were lucky enough to know him. To the world he was Russell Askew, but to his family, he was and always will be, unforgettable.

## ***VISITATION & PRAYER SERVICE***

*Friday, October 7, 2022*

*5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.*

*7:00 p.m. Prayer Service*

### ***OFFICIANT***

*Heather Duerre*

### ***SPECIAL MUSIC***

*"Amazing Grace"*

*"In the Garden"*

*Jessie Thebeau, Soloist*

*Kim Cull, Accompanist*

### ***MILITARY RITES***

*United States Marine Corps Funeral Honors*

### ***INTERMENT***

*Cavalier Cemetery*

*Cavalier, North Dakota*