



### *I Farmed The Land*

I farmed the land,  
I tramped the wood,  
These are the things  
I understood.

No grand schemes,  
They passed me by.  
I knew the brook,  
The hills, the sky.

To hunt a bird,  
To wet a line,  
Gifts from God,  
So good and fine.

Friend and kin,  
I loved them so;  
Although I'm gone,  
I'm sure they know.

I'm now at peace,  
Life's battle done,  
I've faced the foe,  
And I have one.

by Earl Smithson

# *Celebrating* THE *Life* OF *Maynard Erickson*

**AUGUST 31, 1933 – MAY 17, 2024**

### **Services At:**

Our Savior's Lutheran Church - Chokio, Minnesota  
Wednesday - June 26, 2024 - 11:00 a.m.

### **Officiating Clergy:**

Minister Minette Stalheim Johnson

### **Musician:**

Julene Amborn

### **Urnbearer:**

Lane Landis

### **Honorary Urnbearers:**

Callum Erickson  
Noa Erickson

### **Inurnment:**

Chokio Lutheran Cemetery  
Chokio, Minnesota

**M**aynard Oswald Erickson, son of Oswald and Mabel (Mortenson) Erickson, was born August 31, 1933, in Baker Township. He attended and graduated from Chokio High School. He was united in marriage to Arline Blackwelder on January 9, 1951, in Richfield, MN. The couple celebrated their 70th wedding anniversary in 2021.

At the age of 17; Maynard was awarded a full-ride scholarship to play football for the University of Minnesota; however, there was a baby on the way, fields to be farmed and a new marriage that won him over. Maynard spent his days caring for his family and his crops. When there was a free moment, he enjoyed fishing and hunting trips. Maynard and Arline also loved touring the country in their camper, visiting a total of 49 states. Maynard was a man of simple pleasures that included a cup of coffee in the morning, the newspaper with the radio on in the background and good laughs with friends and family.

Maynard, age 90, died on Friday, May 17, 2024 at Legacy Assisted Living in Morris, MN.

Maynard is survived by his daughter-in-law, Margo Erickson; grandchildren, Adam (Kelli) Erickson, Blake (Stephanie) Erickson and Courtney (Drew) Jessen; great-grandchildren, Elliott Erickson, Brady Erickson, Lane Landis, Callum Erickson and Noa Erickson. He is preceded in death by his wife, Arline Erickson; his sons, Douglas and Bradley Erickson; daughter, Rebecca Erickson; and great-grandson, Bryce Erickson and many other family and friends.



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