

Donald R. Anderson, 82, passed away on Tuesday, December 29, 2020 at Diamond Willow Assisted Living in Detroit Lakes, MN.

Donald Reinhold Anderson was born on August 2, 1938 to Helge and Mathilda (Glawe) Anderson in Detroit Lakes, MN. He was raised on the family farm in Callaway where he attended school until the 8th grade. He was a hard working farmer all of his life on the family farm. On November 25, 1967, Donald was united in marriage to Betty Jean Erickson at the Immanuel Lutheran Church in Callaway, MN and to this union one son James was born.

Donald would do anything for his grandkids and he loved spending time with them. He enjoyed hunting deer, playing cards, the accordion, dancing and watching western movies or Wheel of Fortune. Donald was known for his huge heart, his bright smile and he was a big animal lover.

Donald's passing will be mourned by his son James "Jim" (Stacey) Anderson, his grandkids Michael and Alyssa Anderson, his two sisters Helen Linden and Dorothy (Pete) Neisen, his sisters-in-law Vivian (Ernie) Carner, Janet (Jim) Donner, Phyllis Solmon, Lisa Hartmann, Darlene (Harold) Soyring, Florence Anderson and Kathy Erickson, his brothers-in-law Wayne (JoAnn) Erickson and Rodney Erickson, many nieces and nephews, and his good friend Douglas Wanzek.

Preceding Donald in death is his wife of 28 years Betty Jean, his parents Helge and Mathilda, his brother Duane Anderson, his father and mother-in-law Norris and Cora Erickson, and his brothers-in-law Gary and Lee Erickson.



In Loving Memory of

Donald Reinhold Anderson

August 2, 1938—December 29, 2020

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And on the 8th 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.

"I need somebody with arms strong enough to rustle a calf and yet gentle enough to deliver his own grandchild; somebody to call hogs, tame cantankerous machinery, come home hungry, have to wait lunch until his wife's done feeding visiting ladies, then tell the ladies to be sure and come back real soon -- and mean it"

-- so God made a Farmer.

God said, "I need somebody willing to sit up all night with a newborn colt, and watch it die, then 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, planting time and harvest season, will finish his forty-hour week by Tuesday noon, and then pain'n from tractor back, put in another seventy-two 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 bails, 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."

It had to be somebody who'd plow deep and straight and not cut corners; somebody to seed, weed, feed, breed and rake and disc 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 would 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.

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Funeral Service

Thursday, January 7, 2021 - 2:00 PM
Beautiful Savior Lutheran Church
Callaway, Minnesota
Pastor Matthew Meyer, *Officiating*

Special Music

Shelly Dillon, *Organist*
"Amazing Grace"
"On Eagles Wings"
"How Great Thou Art"

Pallbearers

Dennis Schouviller, Jay Somdahl, Wayne Erickson,
Danny Linden, Ronny Linden, Jim Donner

Honorary Pallbearers

Donald's Nieces and Nephews
The Diamond Willow Staff
Douglas Wanzek

Interment

Oak Grove Cemetery
Detroit Lakes, Minnesota