

## Furrows And Fields

I spent my life in furrows and fields  
Working and tilling the land  
Observing the beauties created  
By God's almighty hand

I have touched the richness of soil  
I've born the wind and sun on my face  
And I would choose this life and this land  
Over any other place

A life filled with crimson-dawned mornings  
When I was up to greet the sky  
Days spent with family and creation  
All throughout my life

I was blessed to experience each springtime  
Where raindrops have washed the earth clean  
While summer's sun nurtured my harvests  
Fields bearing the lushness of green

And my life's been strengthened by trials  
For the weak can never belong  
In a living where nature and the elements  
Form a body and a courage that's strong

Still, I've also been blessed with some miracles  
During trying times when I couldn't go on  
Until God sent me the help I needed  
And kept me right where I belonged

So having witnessed the power of God  
Upon my life and upon the seasons  
I know there's a purpose in everything  
Though sometimes we don't know the reasons

...And so my life must be no different  
Just like the crops that I have grown  
For I am also God's child and seed  
That at harvest must come home...

To share in the joy of His presence  
And to humbly kneel at His feet  
Entering into His joy, and His rest  
For a season of everlasting peace

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## *Dennis Willert*

### **Funeral Service**

Tuesday, February 27, 2024 - 11:00 AM

Grace Lutheran Church  
Lake Benton, Minnesota

**Officiating:** Rev. David Danneberg

### **Scripture Readings**

Ecclesiastes 3: 1-8

Psalms 23

Ephesians 1:7-8

John 14: 1-6

**Organist** - Karen Lichtsinn

### **Congregational Hymns**

Amazing Grace ~ In The Garden ~ How Great Thou Art

### **Casket Bearers**

Collin Willert	Wesley Willert
Kesmond Willert	Xzavier Willert
Shane Johnson	Kestlyn Willert

### **Honorary Casket Bearers**

Rachel Willert	Natalie Willert
Cassie Wildung	Denley Willert
Ayden Willert	Huxley Willert
Selwyn Willert	

### **Interment**

Diamond Lake Cemetery - Lake Benton, Minnesota

**Dennis Lee Willert** was born on September 6, 1939 to Walter and Viola (Bebensee) Willert of rural Verdi. The eldest of two sons, Dennis learned, at an early age, the art of farming and tending livestock. During his formative years, he attended Verdi Public School in Verdi, MN where he graduated high school. He attended church at First English Lutheran, now Grace Lutheran Church in Lake Benton, where he was confirmed. On June 12, 1959, Dennis was married to his high school sweetheart, Darlene DeWeerd. For 64 years, Darlene has been his wife and partner through good times and bad. To this special union five children were born, Kerry, Kristie, Kevin, Clint, and Dennis Jay.

Dennis and Darlene began their married life on a farm near Elkton, SD and then moved to farms near Ruliton and Holland, MN. Then, in November, 1966, they purchased their current farm and home near Lake Benton, MN where they worked to grow their farming and livestock operation along with their children. Dennis was a devoted family man, whether it was providing a listening ear, offering words of encouragement, or simply being present during both triumphs and trials. Dennis was a steadfast and supportive presence for all. He found joy in helping his children and grandchildren.

Dennis was a dedicated farmer who had a passion for crops and raising livestock. He found great pleasure in planting, tending, and harvesting his crops. Dennis continued to make hay even as recently as last summer. In addition to row crop farming, Dennis was also a dairyman, tending to his herd of Holstein cows and selling milk to Land O' Lakes Dairy for 40 years. Many hours were spent in the barn with the family. Dennis was an Archer Oil dealer for 45 plus years. He found joy in selling Archer Oil, calling on family, friends, and neighbors each year.

In his earlier years, Dennis belonged to a bowling league. Additionally, he enjoyed helping his children with 4-H projects. He liked to fish and take his family to Norwegian Creek after evening chores. He was an active member of a card club with special friends for over 55 years where they worked on mastering the game of Smear. Later in life, Dennis enjoyed connecting with friends and familiar faces at the Pipestone Sale Barn along with following the activities of his grandchildren including 4-H events and fairs. Dennis also enjoyed listening to Polka music on the radio. He enjoyed finding treasures at farm auctions and visiting with others about crops, grain prices, and livestock. Dennis passed away peacefully with family at his side on Friday, February 23, 2024 at the Pipestone Hospice House in Pipestone, MN.

He is lovingly remembered by his wife, Darlene; children, Kerry of Keller, TX, Kristie Wildung (Stan Fopma) of Grinnell, IA, Kevin (Laura) of Kilgore, NE, Clint (April) of Aurora, SD and Dennis (Trista) of Brookings, SD; 14 grandchildren, Natalie, Rachel, Cassie, Collin, Wesley, Kesmond, Kestlyn, Xzavier, Denley, Huxley, Ayden, and Selwyn; one great-grandchild, Braxton; and special friends, Shane Johnson and Bill Grenz. Dennis is preceded in death by his parents, Walter and Viola Willert; brother, David Willert, and grandsons, Delbert Willert and Cuyler Willert; along with many other close family members.