

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 someone willing to get up before dawn, work all day in the fields, eat supper and then go to town and stay past midnight at the 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 and come home hungry. So God Made a Farmer.

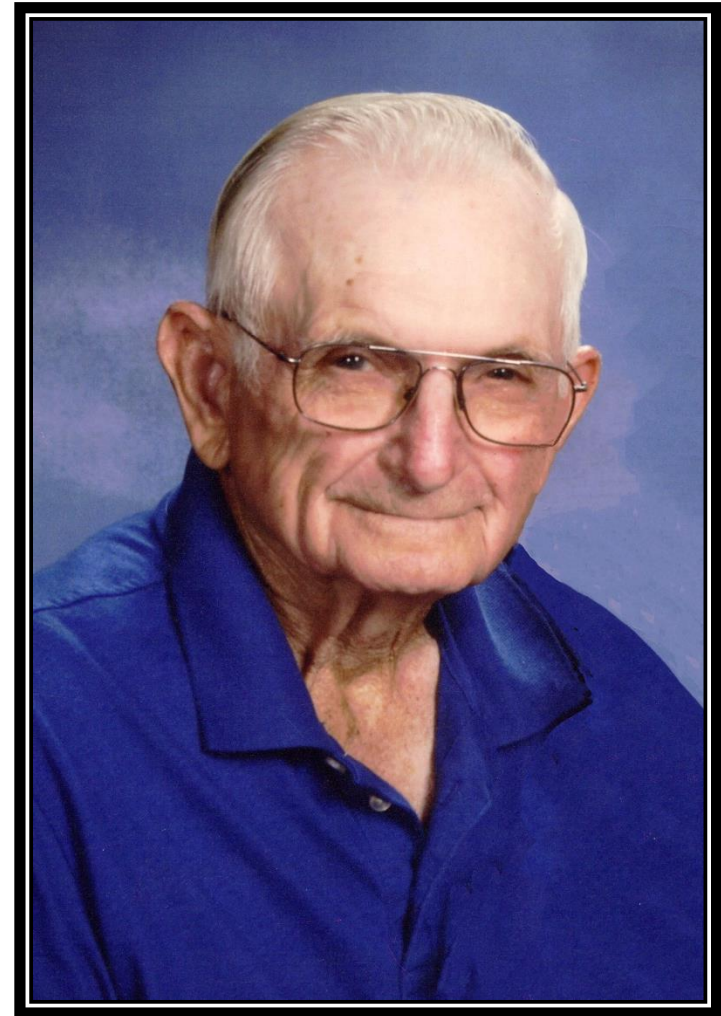
God said, I need somebody to sit up all night with a newborn calf and watch it die, then dry his eyes and say maybe next year. Who, at planting time and harvest season, will finish his 40-hour week by Tuesday noon, then, pain'n from tractor back, put in another 72 hours. So God Made a Farmer.

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.
So God Made a Farmer.

It had to be somebody who'd plow deep and straight and not cut corners, somebody to seed and weed, feed and breed, rake and disc, plow and plant, replenish the self-feeder and finish a hard week's work with a 5-mile drive to church; somebody who'd bale a family together with soft, strong bonds of sharing, who'd 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



Edward Sykora

September 4, 1931 ~ April 14, 2024

Goglin Funeral Homes are honored to serve the family and friends of Ed Sykora.



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IN LOVING MEMORY
Edward George Sykora
1931 ~ 2024

WAKE
7:00 p.m.
Thursday, April 18, 2024
St. Wenceslaus Catholic Church
Tabor, South Dakota
Fr. Joe Forcelle

MEMORIAL MASS
11:00 a.m.
Friday, April 19, 2024
St. Wenceslaus Catholic Church
Tabor, South Dakota

CELEBRANT
Fr. Darin Schmidt

MUSIC
Florence Sutura ~ organist
Here I Am, Lord
Hail Mary: Gentle Woman
Gift of Finest Wheat
On Eagle's Wings

PALLBEARERS
Dan Nachtigall, Cory Sykora, Jeff Sykora & Joey Sykora

HONORARY PALLBEARERS
All his grandchildren and great-grandchildren

INURNMENT
St. Wenceslaus Catholic Cemetery
Tabor, South Dakota
Military Rites by
Army Honor Guard &
Kortan-Hatwan Post 183 Tabor

Ed Sykora was born on September 4, 1931 to George and Helen (Rada) Sykora on a farm near Vodnany, SD. Ed went through 8th grade in country school, later receiving his GED. He served in the Army during the Korean Conflict from 1952-1954, stationed in Germany.

He was united in marriage to Janet Hakl on January 17, 1955. To this union 3 children were born: Roger, David, and Debbie. Following his time in the service, Ed returned to the farm and farmed all his life. In his free time, Ed enjoyed collecting and



restoring antique tractors. He belonged to the Tri State Old Iron tractor club. He also enjoyed attending his grandkids' and great-grandkids' activities and sports. Without fail, Ed planted a large garden every year.

Ed, passed away Sunday, April 14th, 2024 doing what he enjoyed most, working at his farm.

Ed is survived by his wife of 69 years, Janet; sisters, Marion Becvar, Agnes (Allen) Karolevitz, and Helen (Duane) Chladek; son, Roger (Sandy) Sykora, children, Carrie (Matt) Smith, children, Landon and Carter; Jeff (Megan) Sykora, children, Jax, Levi, and Drew; Jody (Steve) Settje, children, Asher, Luke and Rylie; son, David (Linda) Sykora, children, Cory Sykora (Haydee Torres), Joey (Camille) Sykora, children, Cambrie, Raegan, and Madelyn; Chad Sykora, Zach Sykora, and Camille Sykora; daughter, Debbie (Steve) Goossen, children, Dan (Amy) Nachtigall, son, Ian, Ben (Trista) Nachtigall, Katie (Tanner) Rupp, daughter, Sawyer; and Rachel Goossen.

He was preceded in death by his parents and his brother-in-law, John Becvar.