

## *I'm Free*

*Don't grieve for me, for now I'm free  
I'm following the path God laid for me.*

*I took his hand when I heard him call  
I turned my back and left it all.*

*I could not stay another day  
to laugh, to love, to work or play.  
Tasks undone must stay that way.  
I found that peace at close of day.*

*If my parting has left a void  
then fill it with remembered joy.  
A friendship shared, a laugh, a kiss,  
ah, yes, these things I too will miss.  
Be not burdened with times of sorrow  
I wish you the sunshine of tomorrow.  
My life's been full, I've savored much,  
good friends, good times,  
a loved one's touch.*

*Perhaps my time seemed all too brief,  
don't lengthen it now with undue grief.  
Lift up your hearts and share with me*

*God wanted me now:  
He set me free.*



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# *In Memory of A Farmer*



*L. George Schildroth*  
*October 1, 1941 ~ May 30, 2018*

L. George Schildroth, 76, of Reinbeck, passed away on Wednesday, May 30, 2018 at UnityPoint Health Allen Memorial Hospital, following a brief illness. Visitation will be held on Monday, June 4<sup>th</sup> from 5:00 PM to 7:00 PM at the French-Hand Funeral Home in Reinbeck. The funeral service will be held on Tuesday, June 5<sup>th</sup> at 10:30 AM at the United Methodist Church in Reinbeck, preceded by one hour of visitation at the church. Interment will follow services at the Reinbeck Cemetery. Memorials may be directed to the family.

George was born on October 1, 1941 on the family farm in rural Grundy County, to his parents Leonard George & Ruth (Lacour) Schildroth. A lifelong Reinbeck resident, George attended school in Reinbeck, graduating with the class of 1960. After high school, George attended college at Iowa State in Ames, where he studied Farm Operations. After college, George enlisted in the United States Army where he was stationed at Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri. He spent the remainder of his military career in Georgia, where he was honorably discharged.

After returning home from his time in the military, George continued his farming career alongside his brother Craig. After many years farming with his brother, he was later joined by his nephews Jason and Tyler.

George was a lifelong farmer, following in the footsteps of his father. He was passionate about agriculture, from the bookkeeping, to the day to day operations, to the appearance of the land. Some would say he was a 'perfectionist' at his job, meticulous, steward to the Land.

When George wasn't busy on the farm, he immensely enjoyed traveling and sightseeing. He loved to travel all over the country and sometimes would find himself driving thousands of miles and ending in places he didn't expect. In recent years, he bought a condominium in Fort Lauderdale, Florida, a place he loved to visit and to get away from the Iowa winters!

George had lots of family and many good friends and although his passing is difficult to deal with, his time on Earth was well spent and he was an example of what hard work was. He will be dearly missed by all those he leaves behind.

George is survived by his siblings Patricia (Robert) Bown of Hudson, Delores Petersen of Grundy Center, Ruth (Lowell) Trepp, Craig (Marie) Schildroth and Warren (Becky) Schildroth, all of Reinbeck; many nieces, nephews and great nieces and nephews; special lifelong friend Bill Newnum. In death, he rejoins his parents and brother-in-law Marvin Petersen.

*In Loving Memory*

***L. George Schildroth***

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**Funeral Service**

Tuesday, June 5, 2018

10:30 AM

United Methodist Church

Reinbeck, Iowa

**Officiating**

Rev. Terry Plocher

**Organist**

Jim Grupp

**Congregational Hymns**

“Amazing Grace”

Processional Hymn

“Because He Lives”

“It Is Well With My Soul”

Recessional Hymn

Special Recorded Music

“The Lord’s Prayer”

Performed by Don Schildroth

**Casket Bearers**

Larry Goedken

Brian Scheumann

Marv Wauters

Gregg Trepp

Jim Rickert

Allen Bown

**Honorary Casket Bearers**

Bill Newnum

Merle Lynch

**Ushers**

Jim Smoldt & Jack Fogt

**Military Honors Performed by**

Reinbeck American Legion

Post #242

**Committal Service**

Reinbeck Cemetery

Reinbeck, Iowa

George’s family would like to invite those in attendance to join them in the church Fellowship Hall following the committal service for lunch and a time with the family.