

Darrel was born August 15, 1927, to Andrew and Minnie (Northway) Boyer, the 12th of 16 children in the family. He was born and raised on a farm west of Walcott. He married Odelia Kummer on December 21, 1947, at Zion United Methodist Church, rural Colfax. The marriage was blessed with five children. They were married for 73 years.

Darrel attended a country school in rural Walcott, ND. He entered the army in 1946 and was honorably discharged in 1947. After the army, they lived in Compton, CA, for a short period before coming home to help on the Kummer farm. In 1950, they lived on the Haverland farm, and in 1956 moved to the Percy Tarr farm in rural Mooreton. Many fond memories of Darrel driving the neighbor children to Antelope school in their family station wagon. In 1964, they moved to the farm their son Mark currently lives on. In 1987, they built a house and moved to Wahpeton. He was an original stockholder in Minn-Dak Farmers Coop in Wahpeton and also in Midwest Bean in Barney. Darrel farmed his entire career raising a variety of crops over the years, retiring in 1988. They spent 40 years in Mesa, AZ where they square danced, played cards, golfed, and were hosts when kids and grandkids came to visit.

He is survived by his children, Stuart (Pat) Boyer, Shirley (Wayne) Nelson, and Mark (Kristie) Boyer; son-in-law, Bill Starkjohn and daughter-in-law, Debbie Boyer; grandchildren: Tom (Elaine) Starkjohn, Renee (Tom) Cordle, Michelle (Chris) Matthews, Betsy (Chad) Schulz, Katy (Brandon) Halonen, Mandy (Damion) Nystrom, Wesley (Samantha) Nelson, Kyle (Beth) Nelson, Colette (Chris) James, Brian (Amy) Boyer, Angie (Dayne) Kratcha, Julie (Levi) Jacobson, Cheri (Travis) Grefsrud, Tina (Dustin) Stredwick, and Lisa (Mike) Butkiewicz; great-grandchildren: Ella, Emmeline, Ezra, Elise, Eliza, Enoch, and Eden Starkjohn, Nathan, Tyler, Aubrey and Isaac Cordle, Charlotte, Theodore and Jack Matthews, Olivia, Sydney and Hailey Schulz, Tyler, Leo and Griffin Halonen, Whitney and Nickolas Nystrom, Adriella, Jay and Riley Nelson, Ian and Isabelle Nelson, Lauren and Claire Boyer, Tanner, Mya and Addelyn Kratcha, Lillian, Jada and Hattie Jacobson, and Shaun and Lia Grefsrud; siblings, Clarice Skjonsby and Geraldine (Dennis) Fiek; and sister-in-law, Elaine Boyer.

He is preceded in death by his wife, Odelia; his parents, Andrew and Minnie (Northway) Boyer; his in-laws, Nicholas and Eleanora (Ista) Kummer; daughter, Connie; son, Martin; his siblings and their spouses, Helen (Art) Jorgenson, Dorothy (Sig) Walberg, Bill (Cora) Boyer, Margaret Boyer, Kenneth (Sally) Boyer, Orlie (Ben) Erickson, Marjorie (Lester) Bolstad, Quentin (Emeth) Boyer, Eleanor (Reuben) Iverson, Delores (Donald) Kummer, Delton (Ardella) Boyer, Gordon (Louise) Boyer, Harlan "Dutch" Boyer.





....and on the eighth 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.

God said, "I need somebody willing to sit up all night with a newborn colt and watch it die, and 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 40-hour week by Tuesday noon and then, painin' from tractor back, put in another 72 hours."

-So God made a farmer.

God said, "I need somebody strong enough to clear trees and heave bales, yet gentle enough to wean 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."

-So God made a farmer.

It had to be somebody who'd plow deep and straight and not cut corners. Somebody to seed, weed, feed, breed, and brake, and disk, and plow, and plant, and tie the fleece and strain the milk. Somebody who'd 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.

Darrel Jay Boyer

Born

August 15, 1927 | Walcott, North Dakota

Passed Away

May 4, 2024 | Fargo, North Dakota

Age

96 Years | 8 Months | 20 Days

Funeral Service

11:00 AM | Saturday, May 11, 2024
Zion Global Methodist Church | Walcott, North Dakota

Officiant

Pastor Greta Burck

Organist

Joan Olson

Congregational Hymns

"Sweet Hour Of Prayer"

"On Eagle's Wings"

"Amazing Grace"

"How Great Thou Art"

Pallbearers

Larry Kummer | Lynn Kummer | Stuart Boyer
Mark Boyer | Brian Boyer | Randy Spahr

Military Honors

North Dakota Funeral Honors Team
Colfax Area Honor Guard

Interment

Zion Lutheran Cemetery | Walcott, North Dakota