

## So, God Made a Farmer

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." 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 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!



# In Loving Memory



**Don VonEhwegen**

March 22, 1932 - May 28, 2024



**Donald Eugene VonEhwegen** was born at home on March 22, 1932 in Sac County to Reinhardt and Bessie (Bogue) VonEhwegen. Don passed away on May 28th 2024 at Lakeside Lutheran Nursing Home in Emmetsburg, Iowa at the age of 92.

Don spent his childhood years in Nemaha, Iowa and moved to Terril in 1950 and graduated from Terril High School in 1951. While attending Terril schools he met his future wife, Glenda Mohr.

Don then entered the Army October 9th 1952 and served in the Korean War. He was discharged from active duty on July 8th 1954. He continued to serve our country in the Armed Reserves until his honorable discharge on September 30th 1960.

On September 19th 1954 he married Glenda Mohr. To this union four children were born. The couple farmed together and Don sold Dekalb Seeds beginning in 1976. In 1993 the couple moved into town. Don and Glenda have been married 69 and a half years.

Don served on numerous boards in Dickinson County, was an active member of the American Legion and a devoted member of the Immanuel Lutheran Church both of Terril.

Don is survived by his wife Glenda, Terril and his children Anita (Mike) Mayou, Lake Park, Craig (Sharon) VonEhwegen, Dickens, Deb (Craig) Locky, Milford and Robert VonEhwegen, Terril. Grandchildren David Mayou, Matthew (Becca) Mayou, Taylor and Andrew VonEhwegen, Ashley (Johnny) Petievich, Melissa Locky, Kort and Ellie VonEhwegen. Three Great-Grandchildren Emmet and Kal Mayou and Lydia VonEhwegen. His brother Jerry VonEhwegen and numerous other relatives and friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents Reinhardt and Bessie VonEhwegen, his father and mother-in-law Albert and Esther Mohr, brothers Duane VonEhwegen and Bernard VonEhwegen, sister-in-law Carolyn VonEhwegen and infant nephew Rodney VonEhwegen.

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### **SERVICE**

Immanuel Lutheran Church  
Terril, Iowa  
Saturday, June 1, 2024 10:30 AM

### **CLERGY**

Rev. Tom Marsh

### **MUSIC**

*Amazing Grace*  
*What A Friend We Have In Jesus*  
*How Great Thou Art*  
*Just A Closer Walk With Thee*  
*The Old Rugged Cross*  
Sandra Sykes, musician

### **PALLBEARERS**

David Mayou                      Ashley Petievich  
Melissa Locky                  Taylor VonEhwegen  
Matthew Mayou                Andrew VonEhwegen  
Kort VonEhwegen              Ellie VonEhwegen

### **INTERMENT**

*Military Rites by*  
*Terril American Legion Post 432*  
Fairview Cemetery  
Terril, Iowa