

# ***So God Made a Ranch Wife***

Inspired by Paul Harvey, written by Sierra Shea

And of the ninth day, God looked down on his planned paradise  
And said, "Oh dear, the rancher is going to need help."

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God said, "I need somebody who will take the 2 o'clock check, pack lunches, work all day gathering calves, keeping books, or revaccinating the steers and then home to make supper and wash dishes,"

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God said, "I need somebody willing to sit up all night with her newborn children and watch them grow. Then pray each morning and teach her children to say, "please and thank you," I need somebody who can read EPDs, mend a fence or pull a calf, who can clean her house with vinegar, baking soda and hot water. And who, during calving and haying, will finish her 40-hour week on Friday, then join her rancher for another two days, six meals and five loads of laundry."

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God had to have somebody willing to work in town for "in insurance," to warm cold calves in her kitchen and spend her weekends working to get the hay in at double speed ahead of the rain clouds. And, keep working at it alone, when the rancher goes off to help the neighbor when she see the first smoke.

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God said, "I need somebody strong enough to tamp posts and heave bales to co-sign a loan for a half a million with steady hands, yet gentle enough to tame show steer and raise kids and calm the ranch when he's upset over higher corn and lower fat cattle, who will stop her work for an hour to talk on the phone to her neighbor who just found out her mother is sick. I had to be somebody who would cook and clean and not cut corners. Somebody to wash, dry, iron, tidy, feed rake, brand, water, wean, pick up this, run that back and check the homework and pack the lunch bags and remember the basketball schedule and replenish the refrigerator and finish a hard week's work with a five-mile ride to church."

Somebody who would sew a family together with the soft strong stiches of sharing, who would laugh and then sigh and then reply, with smiling eyes, when her daughter says she wats to spend her life "doing what Mom does."

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## ***Marlene Mae Davis***

*February 27, 1945 ~ September 10, 2024*

### **Visitation Services**

Monday, September 16, 2024

5:00—7:00 pm

Leverington Funeral Home  
Belle Fourche, South Dakota

### **Funeral Services**

Tuesday, September 17, 2024

10:30 am

Black Hills Gospel Assembly Church  
Belle Fourche, South Dakota

### **Officiants**

Pastor, Johnny Johnson  
Kenny Riley

### **Marlene's Favorite Music**

*"I'll Fly Away"* by the Statler Brothers

*"Kiss an Angel Good Morning"* by Charlie Pride

*Instrumental* by Phil Giffen

*"Walk of Life"* by Mark Knopfler

### **Pallbearers**

Tyrel Johnson

Tye Davis

Corey Virtue

Jason Virtue

Willy Middlemas

Dwight Johnston

### **Honorary Pallbearers**

*All her Friends and Family*

### **Interment**

Pine Slope Cemetery  
Belle Fourche, South Dakota

### **Luncheon to Follow**

*The family would like to thank you all and invite you for a time of Fellowship at the Black Hills Gospel Assembly Church following the committal services.*