

Furrows And Fields

I spent my life in furrows and fields
Working and tilling the land
Observing the beauties created
By God's almighty hand

I have touched the richness of soil
I've born the wind and sun on my face
And I would choose this life and this land
Over any other place

A life filled with crimson-dawned mornings
When I was up to greet the sky
Days spent with family and creation
All throughout my life

I was blessed to experience each springtime
Where raindrops have washed the earth clean
While summer's sun nurtured my harvests
Fields bearing the lushness of green

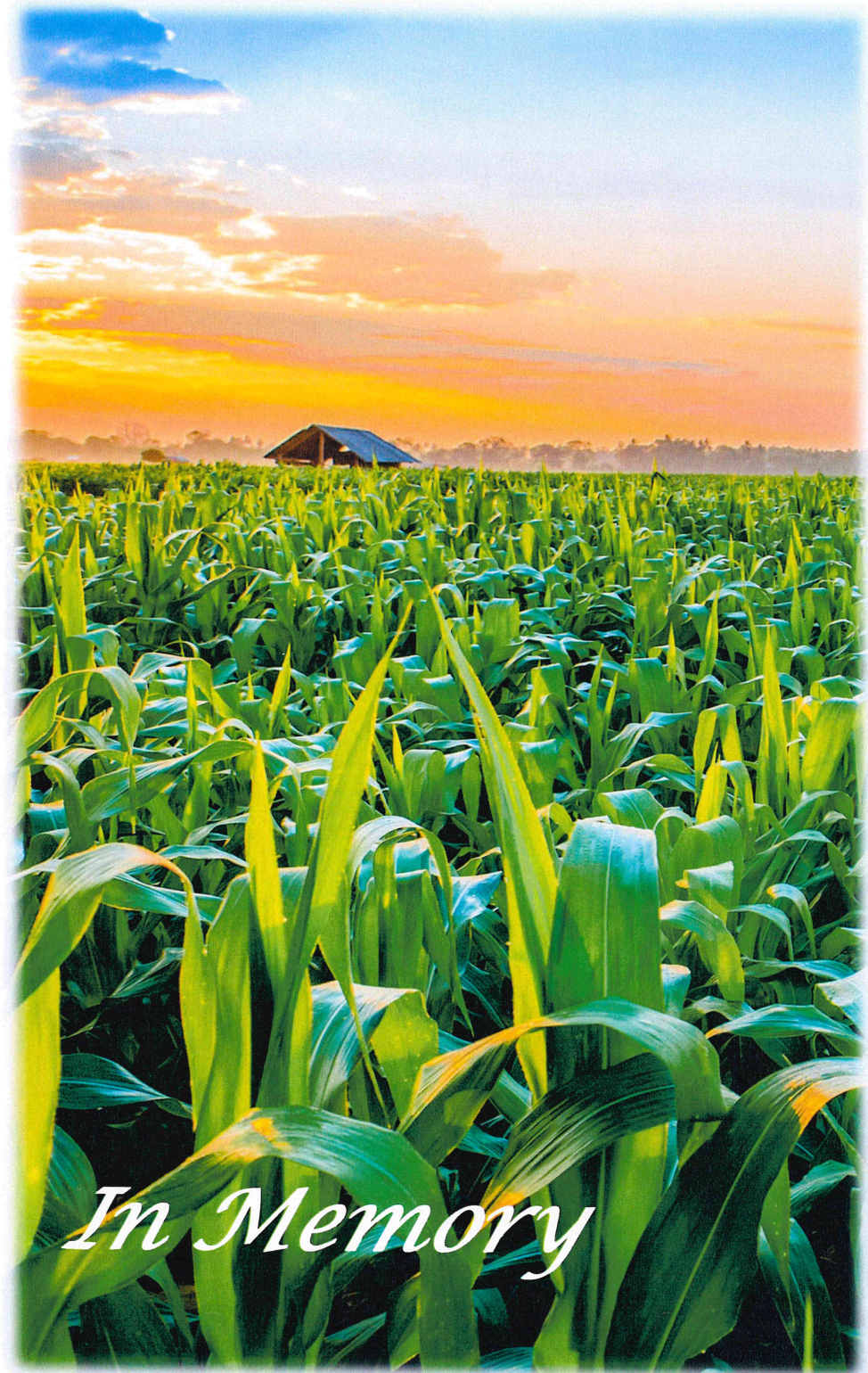
And my life's been strengthened by trials
For the weak can never belong
In a living where nature and the elements
Form a body and a courage that's strong

Still, I've also been blessed with some miracles
During trying times when I couldn't go on
Until God sent me the help I needed
And kept me right where I belonged

So having witnessed the power of God
Upon my life and upon the seasons
I know there's a purpose in everything
Though sometimes we don't know the reasons

...And so my life must be no different
Just like the crops that I have grown
For I am also God's child and seed
That at harvest must come home...

To share in the joy of His presence
And to humbly kneel at His feet
Entering into His joy, and His rest
For a season of everlasting peace.





Arie was born to Bert and Grace (Ver Doorn) Blik on October 27, 1930, on a farm near Inwood, Iowa. He attended country school until the 8th grade, when he became a life long farmer. On September 8, 1950, he married Coba Jacobsma. To this union were born seven children: Sharon (died at birth), Larry (Connie) Blik, Donna (Ron) Bos, Dennis (passed at the age of 17), Harlan (Shari) Blik, Cheryl (Russ) Borchardt, and Connie (Joel) Pollema. Coba passed in 2004

after 54 years of marriage. In 2007, he wed Darlene Wagenaar. He is step-father to 3 children: Alan (Terresa) Wagenaar, Lori (Dennis) Heemstra, and Clayton (Jodi) Wagenaar. He is grandfather to 11 grandchildren, 11 step-grandchildren, 14 great-grandchildren, 10 step-great-grandchildren, and 2 step-great-great-grandchildren.

Arie farmed near Larchwood, Iowa until his retirement in 1995. His family and faith were especially important to him. Arie had a charm and wit about him that drew people to him and made a difference in many peoples lives. His love for the land and his community made him very active in numerous community projects, one being president of Fellowship Village, where he was president of the board when it was built and where he spent his last days before he passed.

Arie passed to his Heavenly home on Tuesday, May 9, 2023 at the age of 92 years.

In Loving Memory Of ***Arie C. Blik***

October 27, 1930 ✝ May 9, 2023

CELEBRATION OF LIFE SERVICE

1:30 p.m. Saturday, May 13, 2023

Our Savior's Lutheran Church
rural Inwood, Iowa

OFFICIATING

Pastor James Koller

ORGANIST

Joyce Lee

SPECIAL MUSIC

"I Can Only Imagine" Chris Borchardt on saxophone
"Knowing You'll Be There" Guy Penrod recording

CONGREGATIONAL HYMNS

"Great Is Thy Faithfulness"
"Victory In Jesus"

HONORARY CASKET BEARERS

Jessica Timmer ~ Kayla Schindling
Kristin VanBuskirk ~ Kasara Pollema ~ Kelli Ronke

CASKET BEARERS

Michael Blik ~ Nicholas Blik
James Bos ~ Heath Blik
Travis Blik ~ Chris Borchardt

INTERMENT

Richland Cemetery
Inwood, Iowa

*Please join Arie's family for coffee and cookies
following the celebration of life service.*