

Just a Farmer

"Just a Farmer", you said
And I laughed 'cause I knew
All the things that farmers
Must be able to do.

They must study the land,
Then watch the sky
And figure just when
Is the right time and why -

To sow and to plant
To buy and to sell
To go to the market
With cattle and well -

You know the books
That farmers must keep
To pay all those taxes
And be able to sleep.

And you know the fixin'
That farmers must do
When machines like mad monsters
Blow a gasket or two.

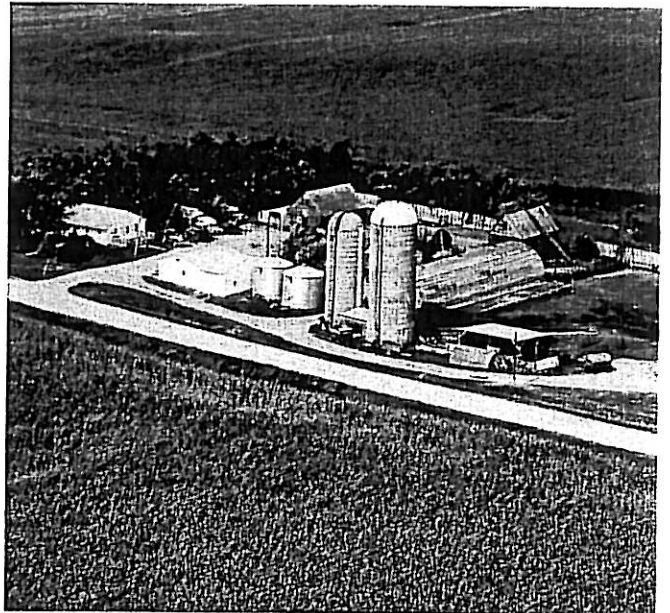
I guess when God needed
Folks to care for His earth
He chose "just farmers"
'Cause He knew their true worth.
Helen Coon

ON BEHALF OF THE FAMILY

*Floyd's family wishes to take this opportunity to
express their gratitude for your kindness evidenced
in thought and deed, and for your attendance
at his visitation and funeral service*

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IN LOVING MEMORY OF



Floyd M. Chrestiansen
1932 - 2009

A CELEBRATION OF LIFE



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FUNERAL SERVICE

Bethel Lutheran Church
Graettinger, Iowa

10:30 a.m., Thursday, November 19, 2009

Pastor Luther Thoresen & Sister Patrick Murphy - Officiating

MUSIC

Special piano solo by Sarah Chrestiansen

"Threads Of Love"

"Borning Cry" Processional Hymn

"In The Garden" by Marge Tindall

"Come Ye, Thankful People, Come" #407 Recessional Hymn

LaVon Park - Organist

HONORARY CASKETBEARERS

Joyce & Romaine Borchers Herbie & Effie Nielsen

Don & Arlene Gage Annette & Gene Yackle

Jim & the late Shirley Egeland

ACTIVE CASKETBEARERS

Larry Kuder Wayne Chrestiansen Dale Gwinner

Tom Webster David Peton Brent Hopp

INTERMENT

Valley View Cemetery
Graettinger

MILITARY GRAVESIDE RITES

American Legion of Wallingford

Floyd M. Chrestiansen, the son of Albert and Mathilda (Tonderum) Chrestiansen, was born March 13, 1932, in Emmet County, Iowa. He departed this life at his farm home in rural Estherville on Sunday evening, November 15, 2009, at the age of 77.

Floyd graduated from Graettinger High School with the Class of 1950. Following high school, he was drafted in the U.S. Army and served as Cpl. during 1952-1954 in Austria. Following his discharge, Floyd returned home to Emmet County and married Rhonda Jean Webster on December 9, 1956 in Jackson, Minnesota.

Floyd and Rhonda began farming the family farm in Emmet County. They celebrated 50 years of marriage in 2006.

He raised poultry, hogs and cattle for many years. Like many farmers, he never actually retired from farming but was proud to have a son carry on the family farm. As a father, he actively helped his children with their 4-H livestock projects and was most especially proud to witness his seven granddaughters pursue their 4-H projects. "Grandpa C." was seen sitting in the bleachers in the show barn every summer in Emmet County and Benton County proudly cheering on their efforts and offering words of encouragement to the girls after each livestock show. Floyd was active in Emmet County Soil & Water Conservation and received an Outstanding Service Award in 1983.

Floyd was a lifetime member of Bethel Lutheran Church where he served in the past on the Church Council. Floyd was a 50+ year member of the Wallingford Legion. He was an avid Iowa Hawkeye fan and Minnesota Twins fan.

Floyd is survived by his wife, Rhonda of Estherville; daughter, Nancy Danielson and her husband Tim of Wallingford; daughter, Donna Wiese and her husband John of Vinton; son, Bruce and his wife Lori of Estherville; daughter, Sharon Bunce and her husband Bob of Ankeny. Also surviving are grandchildren Amber Blume and her husband Matt; Amy Daws and her husband Kevin; Jill Wiese, Abby Danielson, Kara Wiese, Sarah Chrestiansen and Emily Chrestiansen. In addition Floyd is survived by two great-grandsons, Evan and Eli Blume. Floyd is also survived by a brother, Melvin and his wife, Joyce of Paris, TX, and a sister, Julia Lehner and her husband Jim of Dacula, GA as well as many nieces and nephews.

Floyd is preceded in death by his parents, one brother, Lawrence; four sisters, Mildred Chrestiansen, Alice Gwinner, Neva Bechler and Ardythe Chrestiansen.