

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"

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"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"

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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"

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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

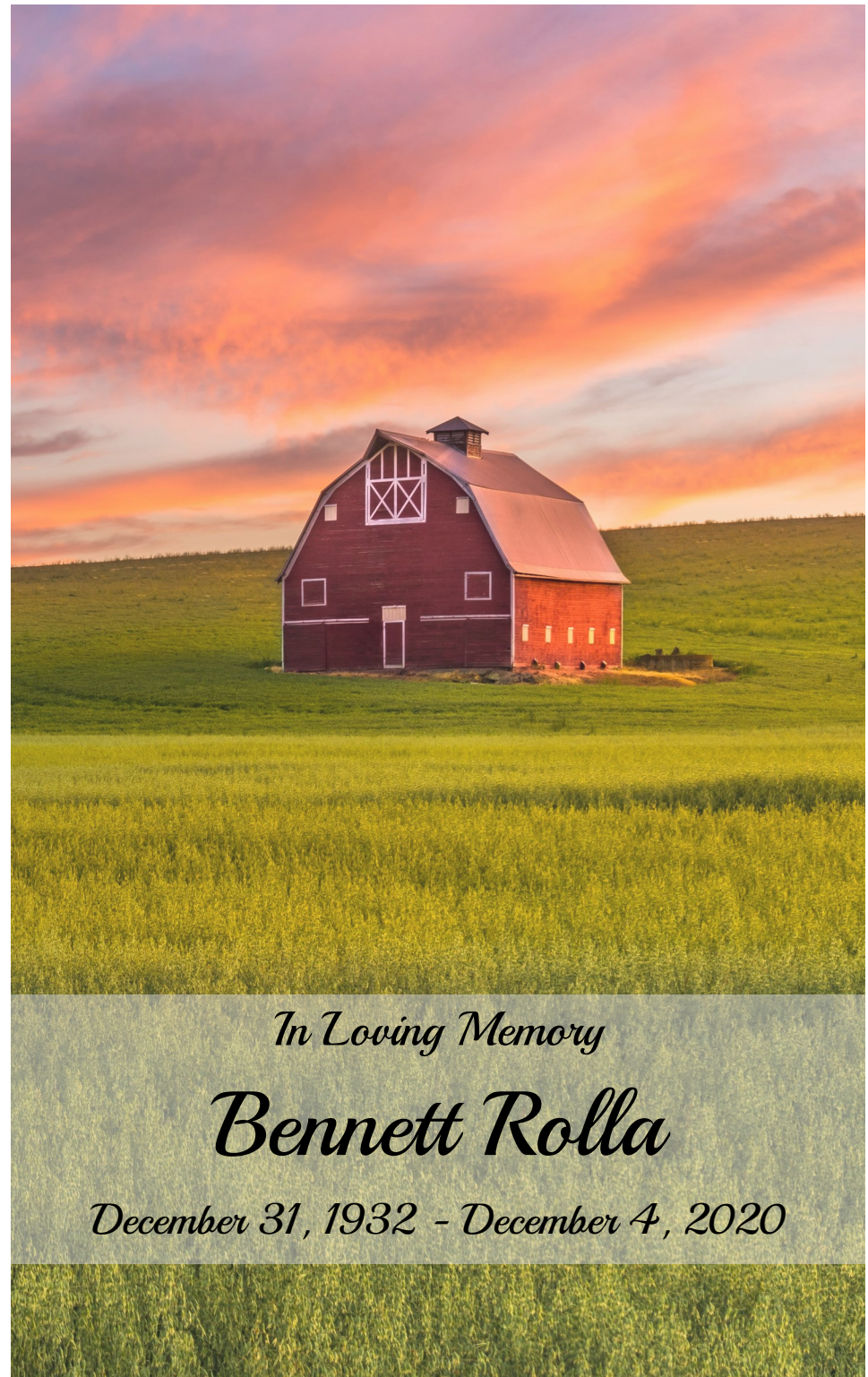
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God said, "I need somebody strong enough to clear trees and heave bails, yet gentle enough to tame lambs and wean pigs and tend the pink-combed pullets, who will stop his mower for an hour to splint the broken leg of a meadow lark."

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"

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~Paul Harvey



In Loving Memory

Bennett Rolla

December 31, 1932 - December 4, 2020



Bennett Harvey Rolla was born December 31, 1932 in Sioux Agency Township, MN to Obert and Anna (Rod) Rolla. He was baptized and confirmed at Rock Valle Lutheran Church. Bennett attended District 8 Country School, and later obtained his GED from Granite Falls High School before he went on to continue a life of farming after his military service in the Korean War. Bennett enlisted in the United States Army and served in the Korean War from 1950 – 1953. He was united in marriage to Betty Fladeboe on June 5, 1965 at Vinje Lutheran Church in Willmar, MN. To this union they adopted three children from Lutheran Social

Services: Jonathan, Jason and Racquel. Bennett farmed for over 25 years and went on to work maintenance at the Upper Sioux Agency State Park for 20 years. He served eight years as county commissioner, over ten years on the Granite Falls American Legion Honor Guard, and was a lifetime member of the VFW and American Legion. Bennett enjoyed going deer hunting, spending time with his grandchildren, and spending time on Lake Osakis and George Lake near Spicer, MN.

Bennett is survived by his wife of 55 years, Betty; children, Jonathan Rolla, of Burnsville, MN, Jason (Tiffany) Rolla, of Johnson City, TN, and Racquel Rolla (Michael Beauchamp), of Granite Falls, MN; grandchildren, Hailey (Andre) Eder, Michael Rolla, Faith (Corey) Degen, Angelia (Hunter) Morris, Hannah (Anthony) Smith, Evan Rolla, Josephine Rolla, Abigail Rolla, and Bennett and Wyatt Ansell; 5 great-grandchildren; sisters, Diane (Paul) Hinz, Granite Falls, MN, Lorraine (Bob) Sloan, of Kentucky, and Coretta (Glen) Nielson, of Florida; sister-in-law, Bonnie (Paul) Ellingboe; brother-in-law, Dale (Grace) Fladeboe; and many other relatives and friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents; brother, Orris (Arlene) Rolla; sisters, Arlene (Lloyd) Sandstrom, Rose Vien and Evelyn Rolla.

Bennett Rolla, of Granite Falls, died Friday, December 4, 2020 at the Avera Granite Falls Care Center at the age of 87, 27 days short of 88.

Blessed be his memory.

Celebrating The Life Of

Bennett Harvey Rolla

BORN

December 31, 1932

Sioux Agency Township, MN

DIED

December 4, 2020

Granite Falls, MN

GRAVESIDE FUNERAL SERVICE

Wednesday, December 9, 2020 - 1:00 PM

Rock Valle Lutheran Church Cemetery

Echo, MN

OFFICIATING

Pastor Mark Manning

CASKETBEARERS

Charles Vien

Tom Rolla

Kevin Sandstrom

Brian Vien

Todd Lecy

Troy Zieske

David Hinz

Steve Rolla

FINAL RESTING PLACE

Rock Valle Lutheran Church Cemetery

Echo, MN

Condolences can be sent online at: www.andersontebeest.com
Arrangements with Anderson - TeBeest Funeral Home, Granite Falls, MN