



*In Loving Memory*

**HARLAN D. ROLLA SR.**

**BORN TO CONRAD & EVANGELINE ROLLA**  
August 22, 1932 ~ McKenzie County, North Dakota

**RETURNED TO HIS HEAVENLY FATHER**  
August 4, 2018 ~ Bismarck, North Dakota

**FUNERAL SERVICES**

11:00 AM ~ Saturday, August 11, 2018  
New Town Baptist Fellowship Church  
New Town, North Dakota

**OFFICIATING**

Pastor Larry Vickery

**MUSIC**

Jeni Goerndt & Gene Transtrom ~ Vocalist  
Julie Goerndt Petz ~ Vocalist & Accompanist

**PALLBEARERS**

Dean Levang	Bruce Kovaloff
Mark Stockhausen	Beau Wisness
Guy Rolfsrud	Lance Sorenson

**HONORARY PALLBEARERS**

Harold Rolfsrud	Phillip Thompson
Darrel Quale	Milo Wisness
Paul Wisness	Craig Sorenson

"Jo" Goerndt

**FINAL RESTING PLACE**

Garden Valley Cemetery ~ Watford City, North Dakota

**ARRANGEMENTS BY**

Fulkerson Stevenson Funeral Home ~ Watford City, ND



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Harlan David Rolla Sr., was born on August 22, 1932 on the family farm in McKenzie County, the son of Conrad and Evangeline (Eheler) Rolla. Growing up, he spent most of his time working on the family farm and ranch. He took over the farm and ranch from his father, Conrad Rolla.

He met Carol Juanita Ericson and they married two years later in 1962. They lived on the family farm and ranch the entire time they were married. They raised four children and taught them to love the Lord Jesus. Harlan was a man of God and it showed in his demeanor and in the way that he treated others. Early in their marriage, Harlan worked for neighbor, John Anderson. Harlan drove school bus for 37 years for the McKenzie County School District, which worked out perfectly in making certain that his four children had a way to get to school. He enjoyed driving the bus and interacting with the children.

Harlan was a man of few words, so when he spoke—you listened! He waved to everyone when he drove and spoke to you when he met you on the street. He loved spending time with his family and his eight grandchildren. He was a wise man and enjoyed teaching his children and grandchildren of his love of the land. He was a deacon in the church for many years and had a true love for the Lord. He was most recently attending New Town Baptist Fellowship.

Harlan was preceded in death by his parents, his wife, Carol, his twin infant sons, James and Joseph, his three brothers and two sisters.

He is survived by his children, David (Tammy) Rolla of Williston, ND, Angie (Scott) Abbey of Del Valle, TX, Hope (Brian) Kovaloff of Mandan, ND and Conrad (Cherri) Rolla of New Town, ND; grandchildren, Aaron and Austin Rolla, Erin and Ian Abbey, Riley and Hunter Kovaloff and Ashlynn and Clara Rolla; and his special friend, Shirley Bombach.

Harlan will be missed by all that knew him. He passed away on Saturday, August 4, 2018 in St. Alexius Hospital in Bismarck from cancer.



## CLOSE THE GATE (FOR DAD)

*Legacy Memory*

FOR THIS ONE FARMER THE WORRIES ARE OVER, LIE  
DOWN AND REST YOUR HEAD,  
YOUR TIME HAS BEEN AND STRUGGLES ENOUGH, PUT  
THE TRACTOR IN THE SHED.  
YEARS WERE NOT EASY, MANY DOWNRIGHT HARD, BUT  
YOUR FAITH IN GOD TRANSCENDED,  
PUT AWAY YOUR TOOLS AND SLEEP IN PEACE. THE  
FENCES HAVE ALL BEEN MENDED.  
YOU RAISED A FINE FAMILY, WORKED THE LAND WELL  
AND ALWAYS FOLLOWED THE SON,  
HANG UP YOUR SHOVEL INSIDE OF THE BARN; YOUR  
WORK HERE ON EARTH IS DONE.  
A FAITH FEW POSSESS LED YOUR JOURNEY THROUGH  
LIFE, OFTEN A JAGGED AND STONY WAY,  
THE SUN IS SETTING, THE CATTLE ARE ALL BEDDED,  
AND HERE NOW IS THE END OF YOUR DAY.  
YOUR LOVE OF GOD'S SOIL HAS PASSED ON TO YOUR  
KIN; THE STORIES FLOW LIKE FINE WINE,  
WASH OFF YOUR WORK BOOTS IN THE PUDDLE LEFT  
BY BLESSED RAIN ONE FINAL TIME.  
YOU ALWAYS BELIEVED THAT THE GOOD LORD WOULD  
PROVIDE AND HE ALWAYS HAD SOMEHOW,  
TAKE OFF YOUR GLOVES AND PUT THEM DOWN, NO  
MORE SWEAT AND WORRY FOR YOU NOW.  
YOUR LABOR IS DONE, YOUR HOME NOW IS HEAVEN;  
NO MORE MUST YOU WAIT,  
YOUR LEGACY LIVES ON, YOUR LOVE OF THE LAND,  
AND WE WILL CLOSE THE GATE.

By Nancy Kraayenhof