

### **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 to get up before dawn  
and milk cows and work all day in the fields,  
milk cows again, eat supper and then go to town  
and stay past midnight at a meeting of the school board.

#### **So, God made a farmer!**

I need somebody with strong arms. Strong enough to rustle  
a calf, yet gentle enough to deliver his own grandchild.  
Somebody to call hogs, tame cantankerous machinery, come  
home hungry and have to wait for lunch until his wife is done  
feeding and visiting with the ladies and telling them to be  
sure to come back real soon...and mean it.

#### **So, God made a farmer!**

God said "I need somebody that can shape an ax handle,  
shoe a horse with a hunk of car tire make a harness out  
of hay wire, feed sacks and shoe scraps. And...who, at  
planting time and harvest season, will finish his forty hour  
week by Tuesday noon. 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, heave bales and yet gentle enough to tame  
lambs and wean pigs and tend the pink combed  
pullets...and who will stop his mower for an  
hour to mend the broken leg of a meadow lark.

#### **So, God made a farmer!**

It had to be somebody who'd plow deep and straight...  
and not cut corners. Somebody to seed and weed, feed  
and breed...and rake and disc and plow and plant  
and tie the fleece and strain the milk.

Somebody to replenish the self feeder and then finish a  
hard days work with a five mile drive to church.

Somebody who'd bale a family together with the soft strong  
bonds of sharing, who'd laugh and then sigh...and then  
respond with smiling eyes, when his son says he wants to  
spend his life "doing what dad does".

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## **IN LOVING MEMORY RONALD C. PEDERSEN**

**BORN TO ANTON & ALICE PEDERSEN**

September 2, 1936

Alexander, North Dakota

**CALLED HOME TO HIS HEAVENLY FATHER**

December 25, 2021

Arnegard, North Dakota

**HIS MEMORIAL SERVICE**

Friday, February 18, 2022 at 2:00 PM

Living Faith Church

Watford City, North Dakota

**OFFICIATING**

Pastor Roger Olson

Pastor Chuck Olmstead

**GUITARIST**

Brad Hanson

**URN BEARERS**

Grant Mjelstad   Clark Mjelstad   Brock Mjelstad

Jordyn Pedersen   Luke Pedersen

**BURIAL ~ SPRING OF 2022**

Riverview Cemetery

Williston, North Dakota

**ARRANGEMENTS BY**

Fulkerson Stevenson Funeral Home

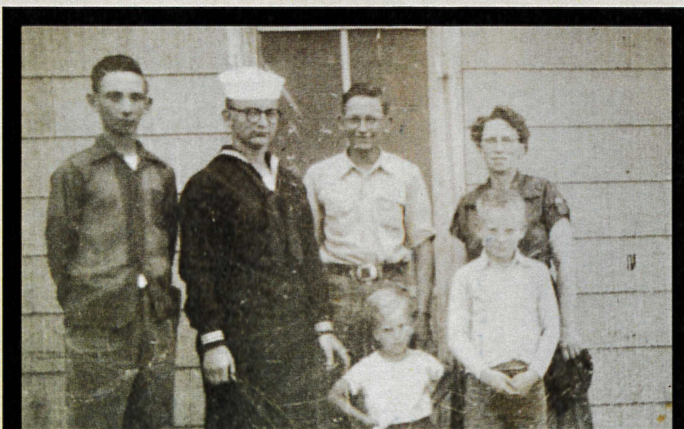
Watford City, North Dakota



## **IN LOVING MEMORY OF RONALD CALVIN PEDERSEN**

SEPTEMBER 2, 1936 - DECEMBER 25, 2021





Ronald Calvin Pedersen, 85 of Arnegard, ND passed away on December 25, 2021 at his home in the presence of family.

Ron was born on September 2, 1936 to Anton and Alice (McCowan) Pedersen in Alexander, ND. He was the 2nd of 5 boys in his family. He was baptized and confirmed at Trinity Lutheran Church in Alexander. He enjoyed playing basketball and football and graduated in 1954 from Alexander High School. While growing up, their home was a gathering place for many cousins and other family members and friends. He worked for numerous farmers before he entered the Army. When he returned from the Army, he worked for Roger Sanders and was a part of their family. During this time, he and his brothers traveled South for custom combining using John Deere 55 combines. He then made his way back to harvest crops for Roger. His love of all the harvest time activities continued throughout his life.

He married Adell Mjelstad on June 2, 1969 in Alexander at Trinity Lutheran. Ron "Ronnie" worked at the True gas plant for 20 plus years prior to retiring. He and Adell farmed and ranched their entire married life and continued to do so up until his death. Ron was a member of Wilmington Lutheran Church, the Arnegard LIONS club and served on the McKenzie County School District Board. He enjoyed hunting with his kids and grandkids, attending sporting events for them, reading Westerns, watching a variety of TV programs and visiting with friends and family.

Ron is survived by his wife Adell of rural Arnegard, son Kevin (Susan) Mjelstad, Fargo, ND, son Kent (Anita) Pedersen, rural Arnegard, grandsons Grant (Taylor), Clark and Brock Mjelstad of Fargo, granddaughter and grandson, Jordyn and Luke Pedersen, rural Arnegard and great granddaughter Ellen Mjelstad, Fargo.

He is also survived by his brothers, Robert (Jan) Pedersen, Billings, MT, Royce Pedersen, Casper, WY, Bill Pedersen, Gillette, WY and Marlan (Nancy) Pedersen, Gillette, WY as well as many nieces, nephews and extended family members. Preceding him in death were his parents and sisters-in-law Rosemary Pedersen and Rhonda Pedersen.

