

Remembering...

Harold Duane Schenck was born on May 8, 1929, to Merle and Cora (Cook) Schenck on the home farm near Baker, MN. He attended District 58 country school and later Barnesville High School. He began farming with his dad and later bought land and established his own farmstead across the road. He bought his first tractor in 1949 for 6 head of cattle.

Harold was married to Florence Loock and to this union five children were born: Duane, Diane, Arnold, Jim, and Shirley. She died in 1955. He then married Irene May Erdmann on June 18, 1960, at St. James United Church of Christ in Barnesville. Their short six month courtship led to a beautiful marriage of almost 63 years. To this union came along Douglas and Debra. Harold and Irene loved taking care of the land working side by side. They raised crops and animals including horses, sheep, pigs, and cattle. In 1963 Harold was named Clay County's Outstanding Young Farmer. He was recognized for his modern, efficient farming and his growing of popcorn for silage. After retiring from farming, he kept busy hauling cattle, beets, and potatoes for other farmers.

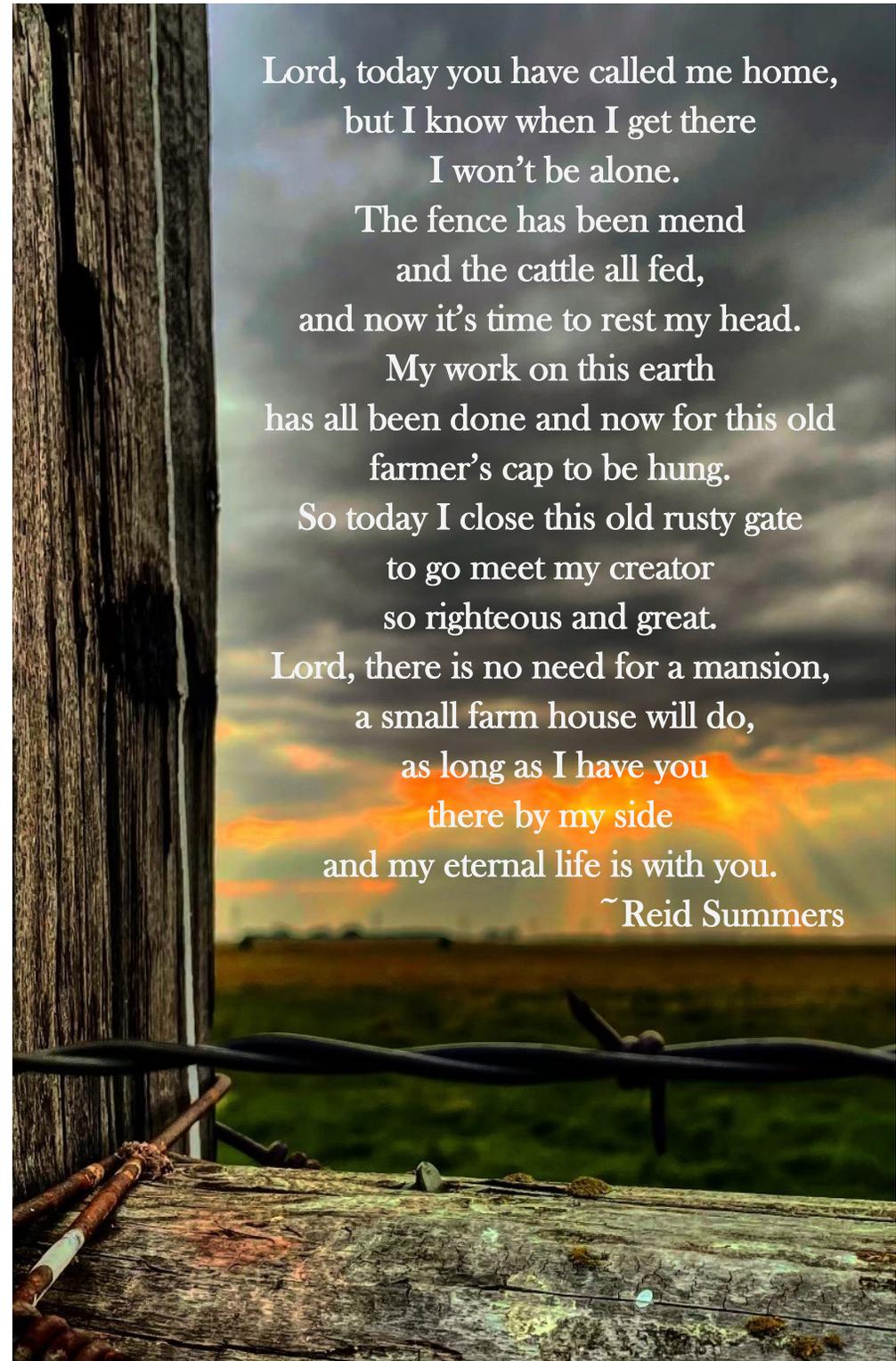
Harold was a practical joker and played many tricks on the kids and grandkids, with his favorite game of "fly away Jack, fly away Jill." He also enjoyed playing cards and visiting with people. He enjoyed participating in the annual Potato Days Festival, even winning the potato picking contest and the potato peeling contest. Watching and cheering on the grandchildren at their events was important to Harold. He spent time in his workshop building toy barns and rocking chairs for his grandchildren. He taught the next generation to set pocket gopher traps and reminded them to check the gopher's pockets for money - which he had secretly put in there! He was a member of St. James United Church of Christ, served on the church board and diaconate. He also belonged to the Sabin Lions, Rod N Gun Club, and served on the Elmwood Township Board for many years.

He is survived by his wife of 62 years, Irene Schenck, of Sabin, children: Duane (Shirley) Schenck of West Fargo, Diane Johnson of Mapleton, ND, Arnie (Marilyn) Schenck of Star Lake, MN, Jim (Barb) Schenck of Loon Lake, MN, Shirley (Steve) Durensky of Barnesville, MN, daughter in law Tammy Schenck of Moorhead, Deb Booth (Brad Booth) of Fargo, ND, 16 grandchildren: Stephanie Counts, Kyle (Carolee) Schenck, Dayna Johnson, Patrick (Tonya) Johnson, Christine (Paul) Kimmelman, Corey (Erin) Schenck, Janessa (Alex) Mason, Clayton (Lori) Schenck, Beth (Ben) Goebel, Shane Durensky, Sarah Roberts, Brent (Michelle) Durensky, Andy Booth, Jenna (fiancé Derek Dreher) Booth, Tyler (Leanna) Schenck, Reilee Schenck, 31 great- grandchildren, 1 great-great-grandson, and several nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

He was preceded in death by his son Doug, his parents, his first wife Florence, his siblings: Vera Mikkelson, Milo Schenck, George Schenck, Roberta Lewis, Ellen Mortenson, MaryLou Rosenfeldt, and Alton Schenck.

Harold Schenck passed away on Thursday, May 18, 2023 at ValleyCare and Rehab in Barnesville MN at the age of 94 years, and 10 days.

May His Memory Be Blessed



Lord, today you have called me home,
but I know when I get there
I won't be alone.

The fence has been mend
and the cattle all fed,
and now it's time to rest my head.

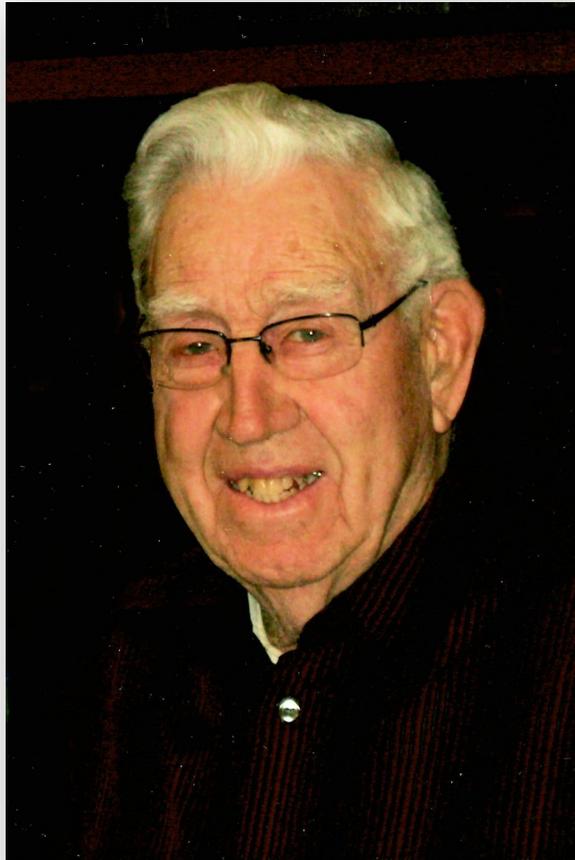
My work on this earth
has all been done and now for this old
farmer's cap to be hung.

So today I close this old rusty gate
to go meet my creator
so righteous and great.

Lord, there is no need for a mansion,
a small farm house will do,
as long as I have you
there by my side
and my eternal life is with you.

~ Reid Summers

In Celebration for the Life of



Harold Schenck

May 8, 1929 ~ May 18, 2023



“Irene,
I loved you then, I love you still,
I always have, I always will.
Harold”



(An engraving from a cherished piece of jewelry he gifted Irene over the years another of which symbolized the beautiful “Journey” of their life together.)

In Loving Memory of Harold Duane Schenck

FUNERAL SERVICE

Wednesday, May 24, 2023 at 11:00 AM
St. James Lutheran Church
Barnesville, Minnesota

OFFICIATING

Reverend Jim Wilson

MUSIC

Rosie Carr ~ Organist

John Schenck ~ Soloist

“One Day At A Time”

“How Great Thou Art”

Congregational Hymns

“What A Friend We Have In Jesus”

“I’ll Fly Away”

PALLBEARERS

Kyle Schenck Patrick Johnson Corey Schenck
Clayton Schenck Shane Durensky Brent Durensky
Andrew Booth Tyler Schenck

HONORARY PALLBEARERS

Stephanie Counts Dayna Johnson Christine Kimmelman
Janessa Mason Elizabeth Goebel Sarah Roberts
Jenna Booth Reilee Schenck

INTERMENT

Elmwood Cemetery
Sabin, Minnesota

APPRECIATION

On behalf of Harold’s family, thank you for your love and support throughout his life. We appreciate your prayers and your time as his life is honored. Please join us for a time of food and fellowship following the funeral service.

*Arrangements Entrusted to Dobmeier Funeral Home
Barnesville, Minnesota*