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 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 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 and tell the ladies to be sure and come back real soon -- and mean it." So God made a farmer.

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. And who, 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." So God made a farmer.

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 midfield and race to help when he sees the first smoke from a neighbor's place. So God made a farmer.

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'd bale a family together with the soft strong bonds of sharing, who would laugh and then sigh, and then reply, with smiling eyes." So God made a farmer.

Celebrating the Life of



Leo Laube Sr. March 29, 1931 – September 14, 2019

Leo Laube, Sr., age 88, of New Rockford passed away peacefully at the Lutheran Home of the Good Shepherd, New Rockford, ND.

Leo was born March 29, 1931, at New Rockford, ND, the son of Carl and Elizabeth (Schrotlin) Laube. When still a baby, the family moved near Bremen, ND, where Leo started school in Wells County. They later moved to a farm near Munster and he went to school in New Rockford

Leo worked for area farmers and worked at the Munster Elevator before entering the United States Army in 1954 and served until 1956. He married Orla Urlich on February 5, 1953, and they were the parents of two children. After military service, Leo farmed in Tiffany Township from 1957 until 1970. He then worked at the Bremen Elevator for a time. Leo married Janet Utecht on June 19, 1971. He later did road construction, worked at the New Rockford School and the Farmers Equity Elevator in New Rockford. He also cared for the Brown Memo-

rial Building in New Rockford for

several years.

Leo was a member of First Lutheran Church, New Rockford and the American Legion.

Leo is survived by his wife, Janet, New Rockford; son, Leo Jr. (Julie) Laube, Carrington; sister, Lois Ockert, West Fargo; eight grandchildren, 12 great-grandchildren, and one great-great grandchild.

He was preceded in death by his parents; daughter, June; two grandchildren, Valerie Charboneau and Charles Bessette, and brother, Otto.

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March 29, 1931 - New Rockford, ND September 14, 2019 - New Rockford, ND

PRAYER SERVICE Friday, September 20, 2019 - 7:00PM Evans Funeral Home - New Rockford, ND

FUNERAL SERVICE Saturday, September 21, 2019 - 2:00PM First Lutheran Church – New Rockford, ND

> **OFFICIATING** Rev. Doug Nemitz

MUSIC Mary Ellen Rue ~ Organist Debbie Omoth ~ Soloists

PALLBEARERS David, Scott, Travis Candy, Tonya, Carlyss

HONORARY PALLBEARERS All of Leo's Nieces and Nephews

MILITARY HONORS Raymond B. Thorn American Legion, Post #30, New Rockford North Dakota National Guard Honors Team

BURIAL Prairie Home Cemetery – New Rockford, ND

Arrangements by Evans Funeral Home - Carrington & New Rockford, ND www.EvansFuneralHomeND.com

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