A FARMER'S HANDS

Hands that are large and tough
from years of rugged, outdoor work,
Hands with fingers sensitive to music,
but too thick to strike just one key on the piano,
or a single string on a violin.

Hands that are versatile,
simultaneously wielding an ax
and picking berries from a nearby bush.
Hands that give thanks for food, for rain, for sun,
for late frosts, early springs, good yield,
for soil, for health, for a newborn calf.

Hands that are strong,

squeezing out a pailful of milk in just no time, pulling strands of barbed wire taut, carrying mountains of hay and oceans of water to hungry, thirsty farm creatures,

Hands that are gentle,

marvelling at the softness of a furry kitten, rescuing a killdeer's nest from the path of the plow patting the shoulder of a disappointed child.

Hands that are inventive,

twisting, pounding, pinching until a machine is fixed, shaping an idea into something useful.

Hands that are tired

from over a half century of tilling, planting, weeding, harvesting.

Hands that I love a farmer's hands, my father's. In Memory of

CARL E. ROUNDS

Departed This Life

Friday, March 13, 2015 Age: 89

Services Held

Kendall Funeral Home Boscobel, Wisconsin Tuesday, March 17, 2015 12:00 p.m.

Clergy
Pastor Scott Jacobs



Casket Bearers

Doug Sander Roger Pink Ricky Staskal Ted Sobek

James Rounds Todd Sander

Military Honors

Daugherty-Larsen American Legion Post #446 Steuben, Wisconsin

Carl is survived by his wife, Wilma Rounds, Boscobel; two sons, Bernard (Patricia Rose) Rounds, Gun Barrel City, TX, John (Lisa) Rounds, Boscobel; three daughters, Bernice (David) Dombeck, Prairie du Chien, Marlene (Robert) Cornwell, Gillette, WY, Carol Swenson, Boscobel; 18 grandchildren; 16 great-grandchildren; several step-grandchildren and several step-great-grandchildren.

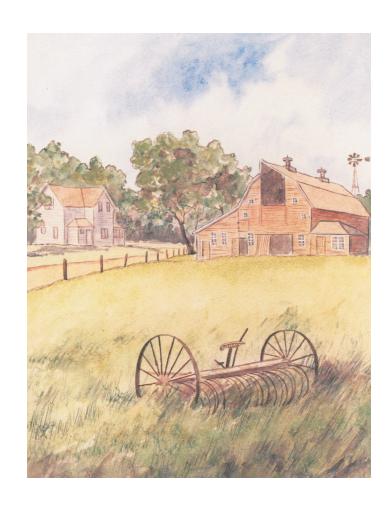
At Rest

Boscobel Cemetery Boscobel, Wisconsin

Arrangements by Kendall Funeral Service Boscobel, Wisconsin

Fisherman's Prayer

I pray that I may
live to fish until my
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and when it comes
to my last cast
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that in His mercy
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