

## ***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  
**JOHN WANEK  
SALZGEBER**

**Departed This Life**  
Monday, June 1, 2015  
Age: 86

**Services Held**  
St. John's  
Lutheran Church  
Boscobel, Wisconsin  
Friday, June 5, 2015  
11:00 a.m.

**Clergy**  
Pastor Charles Koester

### **Organist**

Micah Herbers

### **Singers**

Jean Salzgeber Tianna Salzgeber

### **Casket Bearers**

Josh Peer Dakota Peer John Wanek  
Jared Smyth Kevin Walker Tom Wanek

### **Honorary Bearers**

Jason Sparrgrove Steven Layton Tom C. Waltz Stan Fortney

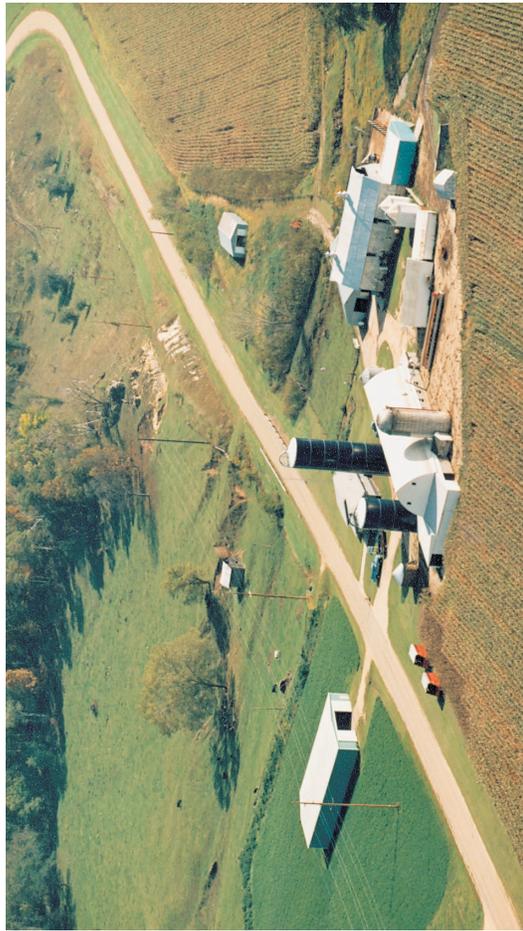
### **Military Honors**

Blake-Semrad American Legion Post #134  
Gilbertson-Pitzer-Radley VFW Post #10393

### **At Rest**

Boscobel Cemetery  
Boscobel, Wisconsin

Arrangements by  
**Kendall Funeral Service**  
Boscobel, Wisconsin



*In Loving Memory*

JOHN WANEK SALZGEBER