



*In Loving Memory Of*

**Lawrence E. Rider**

May 26, 1929 - March 27, 2017

## ***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.*

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**Lawrence E. Rider**

**Date of Birth**  
May 26, 1929  
Wauzeka, Wisconsin

**Departed this Life**  
Thursday,  
March 23, 2017  
Age: 87

**Funeral Services Held**  
Monday, March 27, 2017  
11:00 a.m.

Kendall Funeral Home  
Boscobel, Wisconsin

**Officiating**  
Pastor Bill Rettig

### **Casket Bearers**

Kelly Silvers	Hunter Silvers
Dana Rider	Mike Silvers
Galen Silvers	Jason Pease

**Final Resting Place**  
Boscobel Cemetery  
Boscobel, Wisconsin

Arrangements By  
**Kendall Funeral Service**  
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