

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, marveling 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 James Junior Gobin

Departed this Life Wednesday, January 23, 2019 Age: 88

Services Held Kendall Funeral Home Boscobel, Wisconsin Sunday, January 27, 2019 12:00 p.m.



ClergyPastor Jean Bartlett

Organist
Jon Claude Bartlett

Casket Bearers

Donnie Ellis Patrick Calkin Greg Ellis Andrew Wilcox Jason Gobin James R. Gobin

At Rest West Fork Cemetery Richland County, Wisconsin

Military Honors accorded by the Daugherty-Larson American Legion Post 446 of Steuben

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