

## Close the Gate (For Dad)

For this one farmer the worries are over, lie down and rest your head,  
your time has been and struggles enough, put the tractor in the shed.

Years were not easy, many downright hard, but your faith in God transcended,  
put away your tools and sleep in peace. The fences have all been mended.

You raised a fine family, worked the land well and always followed the Son,  
hang up your shovel inside of the barn; your work here on earth is done.

A faith few possess led your journey through life, often a jagged and stony way,  
the sun is setting, the cattle are all bedded, and here now is the end of your day.

Your love of God's soil has passed on to your kin; the stories flow like fine wine,  
wash off your work boots in the puddle left by blessed rain one final time.

You always believed that the good Lord would provide and He always had somehow,  
take off your gloves and put them down, no more sweat and worry for you now.

Your labor is done, your home now is heaven; no more must you wait,  
your legacy lives on, your love of the land, and we will close the gate.

By Nancy Kraayenhof

### Funeral Service

Tuesday, February 12, 2019 – 11:00 AM  
Crow River Lutheran Church  
Belgrade, Minnesota

Officiant - Reverend Ann Zastrow

### Music

#742 *What A Friend We Have In Jesus*

#592 *Just As I Am*

Insert - *The Old Rugged Cross*

Linda Olson, organist

*Behold the Host Arrayed In White*

Sung by Virgil's grandchildren

### Honorary and Active Casketbearers - Virgil's grandchildren

Laura Cochrane  
Elise Anderson  
Jordan Anderson

Sean Anderson

Ryan Haines

Justin Anderson

Cate Duin

Ethan Haines

Kaia Anderson  
Carly Haines  
Levi Anderson

### Interment

Crow River Lutheran Cemetery, Belgrade, Minnesota

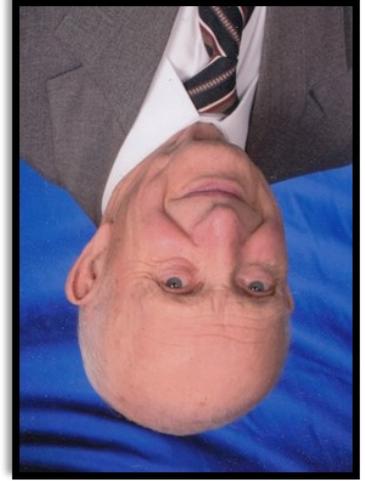
Virgil DeWayne Anderson was born March 26, 1932, on the family farm in Coffax Township to J. Alfred and Helen (Jacobson) Anderson. After graduating from Bel- grade High School in 1950, he farmed and joined the National Guard. Later he joined his US Army Artillery unit stationed in Fort Sill, Oklahoma.

On June 5, 1955, Virgil was united in marriage to Inez Freese at Crow River Lutheran Church. They were blessed with four children. They made their home on the family farm that was first settled in 1860 by his ancestor, Matthias Fjellhaugen Johnson and his family. He loved farming and raising sheep, dairy cows, chicken and pigs. As part of his career he served as president of the Dairyman Herd Improvement Association, was awarded Kandiyohi County Outstanding Family Farmer Award in 1980, and was involved in 4-H for many years.

Virgil cared deeply about his faith and loved his home congregation of Crow River Lutheran Church where he was baptized and confirmed. He served the church as Sunday School president and Congregational President during the Sunday school wing addition. He saw his faith connected to how he cared for the land. In his later years, he enjoyed making crosses for confirmation and wine glass holders for first communion.

Virgil lit up when he was with his grandchildren and great-grandchildren. He appreciated following sports and working with wood, creating over five hundred sets of blocks/fencing for children that were given away by Heartland Community Action Agency and Kandiyohi County Health and Human Services. Virgil died on February 6, 2019 at Glen Oaks Nursing Home of New London at the age of 86. He is survived by his wife of 63 years, Inez; children: Jon (Robyn) Anderson, Dona (Bob) Haines, and Dale (Deb) Anderson; eleven grandchildren, eleven great-grandchildren; sister, Shirley Swenson; brother, Kenneth Anderson; sister-in-law, JoAnn (Bill) Figar and brother-in-law, Harlyn (Bonnie) Freese.

Virgil was preceded in death by his parents; siblings: Lavern Anderson, Wilbur Anderson and nephews, Jason Anderson and Michael Jorgenson.



# Virgil DeWayne Anderson

March 26, 1932

February 6, 2019

