



Field of Dreams



Just a Farmer

"Just a farmer," you said,
 And I laughed' cause I know
 All the things that farmers
 Must be able to do.
 They must study the land,
 Then watch the sky,
 And figure just when
 Is the right time and why.
 To sow and to plant
 To buy and to sell
 To go to the market
 With cattle and all.
 You know the books
 those farmers must keep
 To pay all those taxes
 And still be able to sleep.
 And you know the fixin'
 Those farmers must do
 When machines like mad monsters
 break a gasket or two.
 I guess when God needed
 folks to care for the earth
 He chose "JUST FARMERS"
 Cause He knew their true worth.



IN LOVING MEMORY

Jerry "Woodtick" Salo

Born: September 27, 1938 ~ Wadena, Minnesota

Died: January 1, 2020 ~ New York Mills, Minnesota

Service: Apostolic Lutheran Church ~ New York Mills, Minnesota ~ Monday, January 6, 2020 at 11:00 a.m.

Clergy: Pastor Nick Kandoll

Music: Congregational Hymns ~ Louise Amberg-Jokela

Pallbearers: Owen Perala ~ Ron Jacobson ~ Red Jacobson ~ Reed Jacobson ~ Kevin Dreyer
Kenny Tervola ~ Matt Maunumaki ~ Ross Ojala ~ Dick Carlund ~ Kevin "Shorty" Vorderbruggen

Honorary Pallbearers: All of Jerry's Grandchildren, Great Grandchildren,
Nieces, Nephews, Don & Vi Salo and Paul Crandall

Survived by

Wife: Joani Salo; children: Steve "Squiggy" (Robin) Salo; Tim (Shelly) Salo; Gary "Grassy" (Kathy) Salo; Suzi (Greg) Karvonen; 7 grandchildren; 6 great-grandchildren; brothers: Warren (Mary Jane) Salo; and Marlo (Dorla) Salo; sister: Margie (Dave) Anderson; sister-in-law: Donna Perala; numerous nieces, nephews, other relatives and many friends.

Laid to Rest: Woodland Cemetery ~ Rural New York Mills, Minnesota



Gerald "Jerry" William Salo was born to the late Alfred and Alma (Maunumaki) Salo on September 27, 1938 in Wadena, Minnesota. He grew up and attended country school in rural New York Mills. Jerry worked in the mines in Gilbert, Minnesota from 1956 to 1961.

Jerry was united in marriage to Joan Mayme Marie Perala on February 27, 1960 at Apostolic Lutheran Church in New York Mills. Their marriage was blessed with four children: Steven, Timothy, Gary and Susan. Jerry worked construction before starting to farm in 1963 in rural New York Mills. In 1987, he semi-retired from farming and went to work at Lund Boats until his retirement in 2002.

Jerry gained the nicknames "Woodtick" and "Big Daddy" by his family and friends.

He was so proud of his family, loving them so much, in return they were blessed to have the best husband, father, grandfather, and great-grandfather. Jerry loved spending time with his family, teasing the grandkids and great grandkids; hunting, fishing, gardening, putzing around the farm and enjoying coffee with neighbors and friends. He will be remembered for his hard work ethic, and gentle and kind spirit.

Jerry entered eternal rest on January 1, 2020, at his home, surrounded by his loving family, special pal Little Bear and the gentle care of Knute Nelson Hospice. He will dearly be missed by all his family and friends. Preceding Jerry in death are his parents: Alfred and Alma; father and mother-in-law: Ray and Edna Perala; brother: Tommy (Donna) Salo; 2 foster brothers: Elmer and Milton Makinen; brothers-in-law: Donald (Ruthie) Perala; Delano Perala; and Duane (LaVonne Schafer) Perala; great granddaughter, Vayda; special friends, Gary Newborg and Ginny Jacobson.