



Close The Gate

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 under the hot, summer sun,
Hang up your shovel inside the barn; your work on earth is done.

A faith few possess led your journey thru life, often a jagged and stony way,
The sun is setting, the crops are harvested 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 good beer, Wash
off your boots in the puddle of rain, for there is nothing more to fear.

You always believed that the good Lord would provide and
He always had somehow, Take off your gloves and put them away,
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 yes Dad – we will close the gate



Celebrating
T H E L I F E O F

Donald Dean Hiddleston

June 26, 1935 - June 25, 2026



Donald Dean Hiddleston, 90, of Ankeny, formerly of Perry, Iowa, passed away peacefully on Thursday, June 25, 2026, at MercyOne Medical Center in Des Moines.

Donald was born on June 26, 1935, in Rippey, Iowa to Ora and Bessie (Doidge) Hiddleston. He graduated from Rippey High School with the Class of 1953. In 1955, he married his best friend and sweetheart, Norma Hane. Having known each other since high school, their friendship blossomed into a loving marriage for 68 years..

Donald dedicated most of his life to farming. Whether tending crops, caring for his dairy operation, or raising cattle, he took great pride in his work and the life he built for his family. The Hiddleston family farm was recognized as a Century Farm, a testament to generations of dedication to Iowa agriculture. Donald and Norma took exceptional pride in maintaining the farm, and in 2012, it was featured in Our Iowa magazine as the "Most Beautiful Farm." A hardworking and devoted husband, father, grandfather, and great-grandfather, Donald believed that family always came first.

He was an avid fan of college sports and rarely missed an opportunity to cheer on his grandchildren at their sporting events, proudly serving as their biggest supporter. Donald also enjoyed gardening alongside Norma, and together they spent many happy winters as snowbirds in Arizona, creating lasting memories with family and friends.

Those left to cherish Donald's memory include his children, Colleen (David) Rich, Steve Hiddleston, Pam (Craig) Doocy, and Kim (Jim) DeLong; his grandchildren, John (Ana) Rich, Jenn Rich, Sarah Rich, Lauren Doocy, and Allison (Grant) Leonard; four great-grandchildren; his brother, Keith Hiddleston; his sisters, Marilyn Pentico and Lois Consier; along with numerous nieces, nephews, cousins, extended family members, and friends.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Perry Presbyterian Church.



In Memory Of Donald Dean Hiddleston

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Visitation

4:00 P.M. - 7:00 P.M., Tuesday, June 30, 2026
Caldwell Parrish Funeral Home & Crematory
Perry, IA

Funeral Service

10:30 A.M., Wednesday, July 1, 2026
Caldwell Parrish Funeral Home & Crematory
Perry, IA

Officiating

Pastor Lynne Hanna

Eulogist

Kim DeLong

Music Selections

I Can Only Imagine - MercyMe
How Great Thou Art - Alan Jackson
Amazing Grace - CeCe Winans
Going Home - The Gaithers
Well Done - The Afters

Casket Bearers

John Rich - Grant Leonard - Chuck Hane
Marty Terrell - Dwayne Consier - Jim Funke

Final Resting Place

Violet Hill Cemetery
Perry, IA

**The family kindly invites you to a luncheon following the
burial at the Elks Lodge (2823 Willis Ave, Perry, IA 50220)**


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