

LeMoyne Edward Edmundson was born on December 31st, 1934, in Sioux Falls, SD, to Leonard and Bernice “Babe” (Bogenrief) Edmundson. He was baptized and confirmed at Palisade Lutheran Church in rural Garretson. He received his early education at District #52, a small country school near his family farm. He later graduated from Garretson High School in 1952 where he played football and was active in 4-H. LeMoyne then enlisted in the Army National Guard for 8 years.

LeMoyne married Donna Oppold on February 28th, 1960, at Palisade Lutheran Church. Following their marriage, he farmed outside of Garretson where he took great pride in being a steward of his crops and livestock. He was especially proud of raising cattle, favoring black and black baldies. He always looked forward to harvest season after months of planting, turning the hard work of spring and summer into visible results. He instilled a work ethic that followed, “If you’re going to do something, you better be the best you can at it.” The family farm was a testament to the life LeMoyne and Donna shared, leaving behind a life built on family, hard work, and love.

Beyond farming, LeMoyne was also involved in the community. He served on the Garretson Ambulance Board, local FFA Ag Advisory Board and held various positions on the church council and Palisade Cemetery Association.

Family was truly at the center of his life. He especially enjoyed summer road trips to the Black Hills where many wonderful memories were made with his kids, grandkids, and great grandkids. He was involved in his grandkids’ endeavors, proudly attending numerous hockey and basketball games as well as tractor pedal pulls, FFA events, and 4-H shows. He was also a devoted Minnesota sports fan, supporting the Vikings, Twins, and Gophers. The Vikings could make or break his day, but he always believed next year was going to be their year!

Over the years, LeMoyne enjoyed being part of the neighborhood card club, going on fishing trips and trying his luck at the slot machines.

LeMoyne was a man of few words, but what he said mattered. His quiet presence spoke for itself and could always be met with sarcasm and witty charm. LeMoyne lived a good life, loved his family well, and will be deeply missed by all who knew him.

LeMoyne passed away peacefully on Sunday, September 20th, 2026, surrounded by his loving family at the Sanford Hospice Cottage in Sioux Falls, SD.

Survivors include his children: Karla (Steve) Grogan, Eagan, MN, Kelvin (Melissa) Edmundson, Garretson, SD, and Kristen (Erik) Nelson, Sioux Falls, SD; 6 grandchildren: Derek (Mary) Grogan, Alyssa (Brian) Ott, Cheyenne Edmundson, Haley Edmundson, Carter Nelson and Lexi Nelson; 2 great-grandchildren and one on the way: Olivia and Will Grogan, and Baby Ott due in October. He was preceded in death by his parents, his wife, Donna; brother, Wayne Edmundson, many relatives and life-long friends.



In Memory Of **LeMoyne E. Edmundson**

December 31, 1934
September 20, 2026

Funeral Service

10:30 AM

Friday, September 25, 2026
Palisade Lutheran Church
Rock County, Minnesota
Rev. Mark Eliason, Officiating
Ellen Aadland, Organist

Congregational Hymns

“On Eagles Wings”
“Borning Cry”

Special Music

“Wherever He Leads I’ll Go”
Alan Jackson

Pallbearers

Derek Grogan
Cheyenne Edmundson
Carter Nelson

Alyssa Ott
Haley Edmundson
Lexi Nelson

Interment

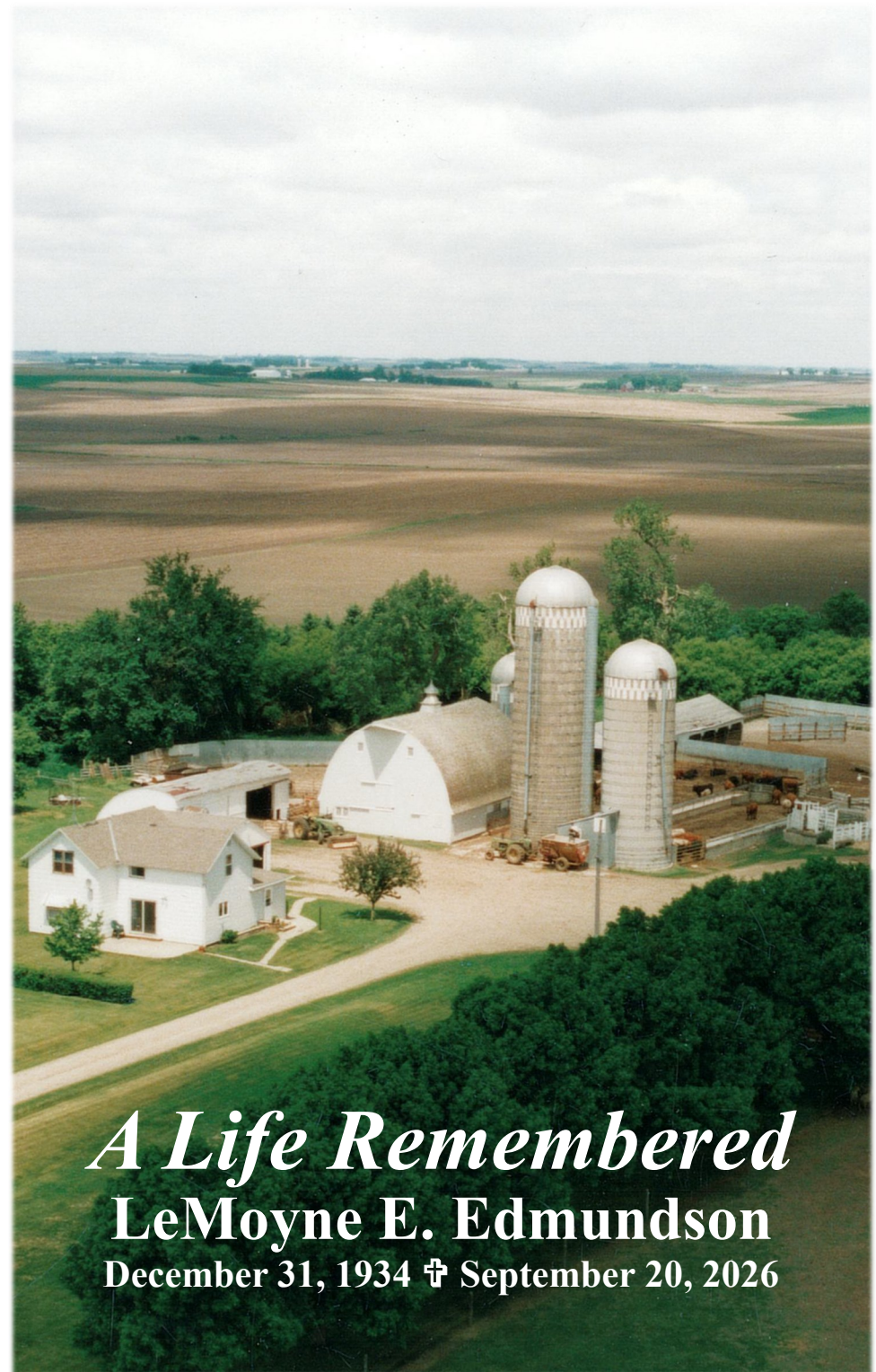
East Palisade Cemetery
Rock County, Minnesota



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
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.

Nancy Kraayenhof



A Life Remembered

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