

Farmer's Song of Life

With hands that coaxed life from the earth,
And heart that knew a farmer's worth,
He sowed the seed, he raised the cow,
A steady hand, a knowing brow.

Seventy-two years, a love so true,
Beside his wife, their journey grew,
Six children blessings, hearts entwined,
A family strong, a love defined.

The dairy clanged, the pigs did squeal,
The fields stretched golden, farm life real,
With grains that swayed in sunlit breeze,
He brought forth plenty, put worries at ease.

When work was done, the road he'd roam,
A trucker's life, to bring folks home,
His voice would ring with stories told,
Of fields and farms, and days of old.

But most of all, the gift of song,
His spirit soared, where he belonged,
With people near, and laughter bright,
A life well-lived, a star so light.

So raise a glass, as memories flow,
For seeds he sowed, and all that grew,
A celebration, voices strong,
The farmer's life, in joyful song.

~ Susan Ellenbecker



In Memory of

Royal Lynn

July 4, 1934 - January 29, 2025



In Loving Memory of
Royal Lynn
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Funeral Service

Wednesday, February 5, 2025 - 12:00 PM
Grace Lutheran Church
Lake Benton, MN

Officiating

Rev. David Danner

Scripture

John 14: 1-6
Psalm 23

Organist

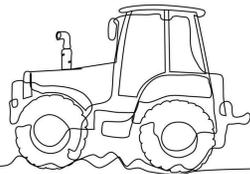
Karen Lichtsinn

Congregational Hymns

"Because He Lives" - Insert

"One Day At A Time" - Insert

"Precious Lord Take My Hand" - Hymn # 773



*Royal's family would like to express their sincere gratitude for your presence
as well as for any memorials that have been gifted.*

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HARTQUIST FUNERAL HOME

Royal Charles Lynn was born on July 4, 1934 to William and Mabel (Passig) Lynn on the family farm in Pipestone County, Minnesota. Royal was the youngest of eight children and early on in his childhood, he and his family moved to a farm near Verdi, Minnesota. While growing up, Royal attended Verdi High School where he played basketball and helped with farming. He graduated high school in 1952 and proceeded to work at the State Hospital in St Peter, MN. The following year, Royal married the love of his life, Donna Bartelt, on September 20, 1953, in Elkton, South Dakota.

In 1954 Royal and Donna moved to the family homestead to farm and raise their six children. Royal continued to farm for the next 56 years. In addition to farming, he drove school bus for Verdi and Lake Benton schools. Royal also enjoyed a career as a cross-country trucker which took him across the US. One of his favorite loads to haul was honeybees.

Royal was a member of Grace Lutheran Church in Lake Benton, Minnesota. He was also a member of the Lions Club. He and Donna wintered in Mesa, Arizona for 28 years. Royal had a deep love for dancing – especially with Donna. One of Royal's favorite past times was speaking with people. He had the ability to strike up a conversation with anyone and anywhere he went. Royal will be remembered for his boisterous voice – a voice that sang 'The Cowboy Song' and "I'm Forever Blowing Bubbles" to his children and grandchildren. Royal adored his family, especially grandchildren and great-grandchildren. He was always willing to give advice to those who asked him and even to those who didn't.

Royal passed away on Wednesday, January 29, 2025 at the age of 90. He and Donna were blessed to have celebrated 72 years of marriage.

He is lovingly remembered by his wife, Donna Lynn of Lake Benton, Minnesota; his children, Stephen (Paula) Lynn of Verdi, Minnesota, Debra (Brad) Behr of Edina, Minnesota, Diane (Glenn) Hudson of Elephant Butte, New Mexico, Sandra (Steve) Hauer of Brooklyn Park, Minnesota, Susan (Mark) Ellenbecker of Anchorage, Alaska, and Amy (Paul) Rolland of St. Peter, Minnesota; 12 grandchildren, Eric Lynn, Jennifer DeBaere, Sarah Kronbach, Elizabeth Behr Rossi, Alex Behr, Andrea Hudson, William Hudson, Melinda McKay, Matthew Hauer, Evan Lynn, Lauren Ellenbecker, Jordann Boerboom and Cole Rolland; and 16 great-grandchildren, Sophia Oerter, Owen Oerter, Wyatt Kronbach, Kaelynn Kronbach, Jared Lang, Hallie Lang, Jasper Behr Rossi, Kathryn Brown-Hudson, Johnny McKay, Jakey McKay, Oliver Hauer, Kasen Lynn, Ledger Boerboom, Harvey Boerboom, Teddy Rolland, and Baby Rolland (due May 2025). Royal was preceded in death by his parents, William and Mabel Lynn; sisters, Lois David, Wilda Rydell, Lucille Odam and Carol Broughten; brothers, Wayne, Dale and Ralph Lynn; and grandson, Eric Lynn.