

# So God Made a Farmer

And on the 8th Day, God looked down on His planned paradise and said, "I need a caretaker." So God made a farmer.

God said, "I need somebody willing to get up before dawn, milk cows, work all day in the fields, milk cows again, eat supper and then go to town and stay past midnight at a meeting of the school board."

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"I need somebody with arms strong enough to rustle a calf and yet gentle enough to deliver his own grandchild. Somebody to call hogs, tame cantankerous machinery, come home hungry, have to wait for lunch until his wife's done feeding visiting ladies and tell the ladies to be sure and come back real soon --and mean it."

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God said, "I need somebody willing to sit up all night with a newborn colt. And watch it die. Then dry his eyes and say, "Maybe next year." I need somebody who can shape an ax handle from a persimmon sprout, shoe a horse with a hunk of car tire, who can make harness out of haywire, feed sacks and shoe scraps. And who, planting time and harvest season, will finish his forty-hour week by Tuesday noon, then, pain'n from "tractor back," put in another seventy-two hours."

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God had to have somebody willing to ride the ruts at double speed to get the hay in ahead of the rain clouds and yet stop in mid-field and race to help when he sees the first smoke from a neighbor's place.

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God said, "I need somebody strong enough to clear trees and heave bails, yet gentle enough to tame lambs and wean pigs and tend the pink-combed pullets, who will stop his mower for an hour to splint the broken leg of a meadow lark. It had to be somebody who'd plow deep and straight and not cut corners. Somebody to seed, weed, feed, breed, and rake and disc and plow and plant and tie the fleece and strain the milk and replenish the self-feeder and finish a hard week's work with a five-mile drive to church.

"Somebody who'd bale a family together with the soft strong bonds of sharing, who would laugh and then sigh, and then reply, with smiling eyes, when his son says he wants to spend his life "doing what dad does."

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-- Paul Harvey --

## Matthew "Matt" Haraldson



### Funeral Service

Wednesday, September 17, 2025 - 10:30AM  
Christ the King Free Lutheran Church  
Pipestone, Minnesota

### Officiating

Jim Erickson

### Scripture Readings

Matthew 5:14-16    Matthew 5:43-48  
Revelation 21:3-7    Numbers 6:24-26

### Music

"I Can Only Imagine" as recorded by Mercy Me  
"There Will Be a Day" as recorded by Jeremy Camp  
"Go Rest High on that Mountain"  
as recorded by Vince Gill

### Casket Bearers

Nathan Dubbelde	Gunnar Manderscheid	Dylan Kor
Taylor Delaney	Clayton Johnson	Jared Carlson
Tyler Evans	Shane Hubbling	Brandon Klein

### Honorary Guests

Jasper Fire Department  
Jasper, Minnesota

### Interment

Rose Dell Trinity Lutheran Cemetery  
Jasper, Minnesota

Arrangements By  
HARTQUIST FUNERAL HOME

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Matthew "Matt" Haraldson

May 14, 1993 - September 10, 2025

**Matthew "Matt" Neil Haraldson** was born on May 14, 1993, to Dean Haraldson and Patti (Weatherly) Haraldson in Sioux Falls, SD. He was baptized on June 25, 1993 at Rose Dell Lutheran Church in Jasper, MN, and grew up on the family farm near Jasper. Matt attended Pipestone Area High School in Pipestone, MN where he excelled in athletics. He was all-conference in football and baseball, an all-conference wrestler, and competed at the State level in wrestling in 2012. That same year, as a graduating senior, Matt earned the title of Male Athlete of the Year. Matt was a social butterfly from a young age, anywhere he went he could make new friends. His contagious smile, genuine kindness, and his ability to make anyone feel at ease allowed him to create many lifelong friendships that continued past high school. Matt furthered his education at South Dakota State University in Brookings, SD where he graduated in 2016 with his Bachelor's Degree in Agricultural Systems Technology. After graduating, he moved back home and worked as an agronomist for Chandler Co-Op before owning and operating Jasper Seed & Chemical and farming with his dad and brother.

Matt was larger than life. His vibrant personality came through in everything he did. His smile would brighten any room he walked in, his laughter was infectious, and his love for others was always evident in his actions. Matt was hardworking, dependable, and never shied away from doing his share. He was a member of the Jasper Evangelical Lutheran Church in Jasper and was on the endowment committee. Matt also served as the president of the Pipestone Jaycees, was the treasurer of the Jasper Fire Department, board member of the Jasper Development Corporation, board member of the Pipestone Country Club and was the secretary of the Pipestone County Corn & Soybean Growers. On September 6, 2025, Matt was united in marriage to the love of his life, Macey Zeinstra, at the Jasper ELC. The life Matt and Macey had together was filled with joy, laughter, and so much love. When Matt wasn't working, he could almost always be found at a golf course, usually with a cocktail in hand. He spent endless hours

hanging out with friends and creating lifelong memories with them. Even his style reflected who he was, always bright, bold and unforgettable. Matt passed away unexpectedly on Wednesday, September 10, 2025, at the Pipestone County Medical Center in Pipestone, at the age of 32 years, 3 months and 27 days. Matt's absence will be felt deeply by those who had the privilege to know him. His memory will live on through his son.

Matt is survived by his wife, Macey (Zeinstra) Haraldson of Jasper; his son, due in January 2026; his father, Dean Haraldson of Jasper; his mother, Patti (Weatherly) Haraldson of Edgerton, MN; brothers, Nathan (Emilee) Haraldson of Jasper, and their son Jayden, Austin (Chandler Kempema) Miller of Edgerton, and Justin (Cami Bootsma) Miller of Edgerton; his mother- and father-in-law, Teresa and Merle Zeinstra of Holland, MN; sisters-in-law Mallory Zeinstra of Sioux Falls, SD, and Mariah Zeinstra of Holland; and numerous family and friends whose lives were touched by him. Matt was preceded in death by his paternal grandparents, Roy and Maxine Haraldson; and his maternal grandparents, Lyman and Marian Weatherly.



**On behalf of Matt's family, Thank you so much for all of your outpouring support. Your presence here today means so much to us.**

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