

A Farmer's Hands

Hands that are large and tough from years of rugged outdoor work, Hands with fingers sensitive to music, but too thick to strike just one key on the piano, or a single string on a violin.

Hands that are versatile, simultaneously wielding an ax and swiping a fistful of pinch berries from a nearby bush.

Hands that clasp themselves habitually in prayer - giving thanks for food, for rain, for sun, for late frosts, early springs, good yield for soil, for health, for newborn calf.

Hands that are strong, squeezing out a pailful of milk in just no time, pulling strands of barbed wire taut, carrying mountains of hay and oceans of water to hungry, thirsty farm creatures.

Hands that are gentle, marveling at the softness of a furry kitten, rescuing a killdeer's nest from the path of the plow, patting the shoulder of a disappointed child.

Hands that are inventive, twisting, pounding, pinching, until a machine is fixed, shaping an idea into something useful.

Hands that are tired from over a half century of tilling, planting, weeding, harvesting.

Hands that I loved, a farmer's hands, My husband's hands, our father's hands.

In Loving Memory of

Delbert Andrew Bruck

Born: May 25, 1937 - Earling, Iowa

Died: May 29, 2026 - Harlan, Iowa

MASS OF CHRISTIAN BURIAL

Tuesday, June 9, 2026 - 11:00 AM

St. Boniface Catholic Church - Westphalia, Iowa

CELEBRANT

Rev. Michael Antoh

MUSICIANS

Ron Rosmann

Maria Rosmann

Daniel Rosmann

Opening

How Great Thou Art

First Reading

Daniel 12:1-3

Melissa Moores

Responsorial Psalm

Shepherd Me O' God

Second Reading

2 Corinthians 4:14-5:1

Connor Kohles

Gospel Reading

Matthew 5:1-12a

Rev. Michael Antoh

Petitions

Brooke Gau, Emerald Neubauer,

Parker Bruck, Delaney Bruck, Drew Bruck

Offertory

Holy God We Praise Thy Name

Gift Bearers

Taylor Bos, Trevor Pudenz,

Cade Neubauer, Morgan Pudenz, Grayson Bruck

Communion

Precious Lord, Take My Hand

Meditation

Lori Bruck

Meditation Song

Grandpa

Recessional

On Eagle's Wings

MASS SERVERS

Matt Bruck

Bob Bruck

Steve Bruck

INTERMENT - AT A LATER DATE

Harlan Cemetery - Harlan, Iowa

An invitation is extended to the relatives and friends to meet with the family in the St. Boniface Parish Hall at the close of the funeral mass.

Delbert Andrew Bruck

Delbert Andrew Bruck was born to Mary (Bissen) and Tony Bruck on May 25, 1937, in Earling, Iowa. He attended school at St. Joseph's Catholic School in Earling, where he graduated with the class of 1956. He served in the Army after graduating from high school and then in the Army Reserves.

On May 25, 1961, Delbert married the love of his life, Yvonne Book at the St. Michael's Catholic Church in Harlan, Iowa. Six children were born to this union: Lori, Paula, Sandra, Sarah, Kent, and Nathan. Delbert was a lifelong farmer. He began as a child helping his dad, was a hired man after returning from the Army, and then began farming on his own. He was an active member of St. Boniface Catholic Church in Westphalia, where he served on the Parish Council. He served on the Farmer's Co-Op Board and Westphalia Farmers Mutual Insurance Board. He also served as a 4-H Leader. He loved feeding cattle and raising hogs. He was Shelby County's Pork Producer of the Year in 1983.

Some of Delbert's favorite hobbies included fishing and traveling. He also enjoyed playing cards and spending time with his grandchildren and friends.

Delbert passed away peacefully in Harlan, Iowa, on Friday, May 29, 2026, at the age of 89 years and 4 days. He was preceded in death by his parents, Mary and Tony Bruck; granddaughter, Megan Kohles; siblings, Irma Tearney, Lucille Ausdemore, Marlene Brich, Walter Bruck, Melvin Bruck, Ralph Bruck, and Duane Bruck; and brothers-in-law, Al Tearney, Harry Ausdemore, Francis Brich, and Joe Wellman.

He is survived by his wife, Yvonne Bruck of Harlan, IA; children, Lori Bruck (Dave Neubauer) of Omaha, NE; Paula (Glenn) Kohles of Earling, IA; Sandra (Tim) Meyer of Omaha, NE; Sarah (Chris) Pudenz of Omaha, NE; Kent (Kristy) Bruck of Elkhorn, NE; and Nathan (Ann) Bruck of Memphis, TN; 14 grandchildren; 10 great-grandchildren; siblings, Marian Wellman of Neola, IA; Sylvia (Dennis) Gaul of Harlan, IA; sisters-in-law, Cheryl Bruck of Dow City, IA; Marilea Bruck of Earling, IA; Joan Bruck of Harlan, IA; Alice Bruck Willert of Rochester, MN; nieces and nephews; other relatives and many friends.



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