

"I'm Just a Farmer, Plain and Simple"

I'm just a farmer, plain and simple.
Not of royal birth, but rather a worker of the earth.
I know not of riches, but rather
of patches on my britches.

I'm just a farmer, plain and simple.
I know of drought and rain, of pleasure and pain.
I know the good, the bad, the happy and the sad.

I'm a man of emotions.
A man who loves this land and the beauty of its sand.

I'm just a farmer, plain and simple.
I know the spring's fresh flow
and autumn's golden glow.

Of a new born calf's hesitation
and an eagle's destination.

I'm just a farmer, plain and simple.

I know of tall pines and long waiting lines.
I know the warmth of campfires and
the agony of flat tires.

I'm just a farmer, plain and simple.

I'm a man who loves his job.
And the life that I live.

I'm just a farmer, plain and simple.
And I'm a reaper of harvest.

I'm the sower of seeds and I'm the tender of stock.
I'm just a farmer, plain and simple.

I know of planting corn and bailing hay
and animals going astray.

I live in a complex world, but my faith guides me.
I'm just a farmer, plain and simple.

I am a man who works with God.
I cannot succeed without his help.
For you see, I'm just a farmer, plain and simple.

By Bobby Collier

In Loving Memory
Elvin W. Olson

Born to Ed & Mabel Olson

April 26, 1931
Williston, North Dakota

Returned to His Heavenly Father

September 29, 2020
Williston, North Dakota

Memorial Service

Monday, October 5, 2020, 10:30 AM
Faith United Methodist
Williston, North Dakota

Officiating

Pastor Ross Reinhiller

Special Music

"The Heaven Song"
Jim & Cheryl Lingenfelter

Music

"Love, Me"
"When I Get Where I Am Going"

Honorary Urn Bearers

All of Elvin's Family & Friends

Arrangements By

Fulkerson Stevenson Funeral Home
Williston, North Dakota



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The LORD is my *Shepherd*,
I shall not want.

He maketh me
lie down in green pastures:

He leadeth me beside the still waters,
He restoreth my

soul.

He leadeth me in the paths of righteousness
for His name's sake. Yea though I walk through the
valley of the shadow of death.

*I will fear no evil:
for Thou art with me;*

Thy rod and Thy staff they comfort me.

Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies:
Thou anointest my head with oil; My cup runneth over
Surely goodness & mercy shall follow me
all the days of my life;

And I will dwell in the house

of the LORD *forever.*

- Psalm 23



Elvin was born April 26th, 1931 in Williston, North Dakota to Edwin and Mabel (Johnson) Olson. Elvin was the fifth of 10 siblings. He attended the Johnson School in rural Williams County, North Dakota. He then went on to help his father on the family farm. In his early years, he loved to ride his motorcycle and belonged to the Rose Bud Motorcycle Club of Williston.

On June 7th, 1952 Elvin was united in marriage to Patricia Handrum. Elvin and Pati had a double wedding with his sister Helene and Duane Diedrich in Williston, North Dakota. Shortly after, Elvin took over the family farm as he and Pati started their life together. They were blessed with three sons: Brad, Ryan, and Rick. Elvin and Pati celebrated their 68th wedding anniversary in June.

Throughout the years, Elvin was active in the Methodist Church, Farm Bureau, and the Moose. You could always catch Elvin on the dance floor at the Moose on Friday nights, in his signature cowboy hat. He enjoyed being outdoors whether it was hunting, fishing, or farming and ranching. One of his favorite pastimes was fishing with his three sons as they often went on fishing trips to Canada.

Above all else, Elvin loved his family, his friends, and the farm.

Elvin was preceded in death by his parents; brothers, Morris Olson, Jim Olson, Floyd Olson, and Clarence Olson; and sisters, Helene Diedrich and Marion Olson.

Elvin is survived by his wife of 68 years, Pati; and his children, Brad (Marilyn) Olson, Ryan (Debbie) Olson, and Rick (Barb) Olson; his siblings, Ken Olson, Irene Hillstead, and Maxine Nelson, all of Williston. He is also survived by his grandchildren; Taylor Olson (Jordan Evert), Williston; Whitney (Jason) Stephenson, Williston; Channing (Ken) Rohlf, Colstrip; Chennille (Jon) Currier, Williston; Cheyenne Olson (Ashton Kinzie), Williston; Christian (Heather) Olson, Williston; Nichole (Mike) Koch, Williston; Libby (Darin) Burau, Williston; Eric Olson, Colorado Springs, Colorado; and by his 21 great grandchildren. Additionally, Elvin is survived by brothers-in-law, a sister-in-law, and many cousins, family, and friends.

