

So God Made A Farmer's Wife

And on the 9th day, God looked down on his planned paradise and said, "That farmer needs help." So God made a farmer's wife.

God said, "I need somebody willing to get up before dawn, weed the garden, cook breakfast and dinner, work alongside her farmer, make supper, and then go to town and stay past midnight at a meeting of the school board." So God made a farmer's wife.

"I need somebody with arms strong enough to carry a basket of wet coveralls up the basement stairs and out to the clothesline and yet gentle enough to rock a newborn baby. Somebody to run for parts, help in the fields, move trucks, deliver meals, look the farmer in the eyes and tell him 'I love you and the life we've built' – and mean it". So God made a farmer's wife.

God said, "I need somebody willing to hem pants, wash windows, varnish floors, bake cookies and casseroles, snap green beans and clean sweetcorn, make apple sauce and jams for the years to come. To be a caregiver to her mother, brother, sister, husband, sons, daughter in laws, grandchildren and great grandchildren and tell them all to call whenever they need something and mean it." So God made a farmer's wife.

"I need somebody who can host family reunions, serve on her board of elections, schedule the tooth fairy, keep Easter, Thanksgiving and Christmas traditions alive across the generations. .

Somebody who'd stitch a family together with the soft strong bonds of family meals, sharing, and caring. Who would smile to see her kids doing what mom and dad did, and to hear family say there is no better way to grow up than on a farm. To sigh, and then reply, with smiling eyes when her grandchildren say they want to spend their lives "doing what grandma does." So God made a farmers wife.

In Loving Memory of Elizabeth Hatter

Born to Joseph & Florence Wheeling
August 16, 1927 ~ Sidney, Montana

Returned to Her Heavenly Father
Wednesday, November 29, 2023 ~ Sidney, Montana

Funeral Service
Wednesday, December 6, 2023 @ 1:00 PM
Squaw Gap Community Center
Homesteaders Gap, ND

Officiating
Pastor Tim Tharp

Pallbearers
Bill Goolsbey Larry Hatter Jerry Hatter
Wyatt Hatter Jared Hatter Bradley Hatter

Honorary Pallbearers
Debbi Hatter Jackie Urlacher Joann Hoverson

Ushers
Joe Carpenter & Mike Wheeling

Music
"On the Wings of a Snow White Dove"
"Old Rugged Cross"
"Go Rest High on that Mountain"

Eulogist
Milt Madison

Final Resting Place
Sunnyside Cemetery
Trotters, North Dakota
Arrangements By
Fulkerson Stevenson Funeral Home
Sidney, Montana

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August 16, 1927 - November 29, 2023

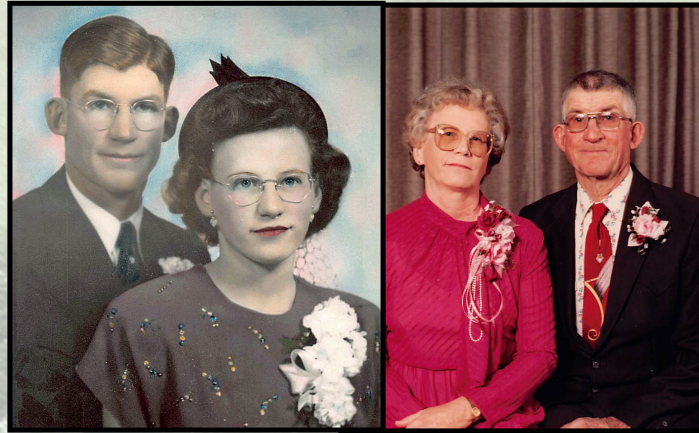


Elizabeth Hatter, age 96, passed away peacefully on November 29, 2023 at Sidney Health Care.

Elizabeth was born August 16, 1927, to Joe and Florence (Kightlinger) Wheeling. She attended Shadwell School and further graduated from Sidney High School, where she had many classmates who remained close throughout the years. Upon graduation, Elizabeth attended one year of business college in Fargo, ND before returning home to the ranch in Squaw Gap.

On November 11, 1947, Elizabeth married Russell (Jack) Hatter. They made their home in Spring Creek, 3 miles north of Squaw Gap. Their house was an old granary shipped out here from Wisconsin in the 1890s and Elizabeth made it a home where they raised their children Perry, David, Patrick, and Mary. Their door was always open to neighborhood children and families as well.

Elizabeth was well known for her homemaking skills! She always had a meal ready for threshing crews, branding crews, family, and anyone who happened to stop by. Meals were at 12 noon and 6 pm-Be On Time! Her Carmel rolls, buns, bread, lefse, donuts, cookies, and homemade butter were always in demand. Elizabeth always had a big garden from which she spent endless hours canning and sharing.



There were always African violets blooming in the kitchen and living room, and her sewing machine was tuned up and ready to patch jeans or sew a quilt.

Teaching life skills was a must in her household. She never turned down the opportunity to go to the school and teach kids how to make butter and homemade ice cream. Her grandchildren remember making lefse, butchering chickens, and enjoying lots of goodies at the kitchen table. You seldom ever left their home without a plate full of tasty treats, and never left hungry.

Elizabeth remained on the ranch after Jack passed away in 2007. She continued to raise chickens, a vast garden, and was known to check her coon traps daily!

Elizabeth: Rest in Peace. Your work on Earth is done!

She is survived by her children Perry, David (Crystal), Patrick (Kay), and Mary, as well as 9 grandchildren, and 27 great grandchildren. Also, a very special friend, Sandy Metcalf. Elizabeth was preceded in death by her husband, Jack; infant brother, Arthur; Brothers, Howard and Clifford; Daughter in-law, Kristi; and Sister in-law, Amba.

