

JUST A FARMER

"Just a farmer", you said,
And I laughed cause I knew
All the things that farmers
Must be able to do.

They must study the land,
Then watch the sky,
And figure just when
Is the right time and why.

To sow and to plant
To buy and to sell
To go to the market
With cattle and well.

You know the books
That farmers must keep
To pay all those taxes
And be able to sleep.

And you know the 'fixin'
That farmers must do
When machines like mad monsters
Blow a gasket or two.

I guess when God needed
Folks to care for His earth
He chose "just farmers"
'Cause He knew their true worth.

In Loving Memory Brad Olson

Born to Elvin and Patricia Olson

September 27, 1953
Williston, North Dakota

Returned to His Heavenly Father

February 25, 2023
Williston, North Dakota

Memorial Service

Thursday, March 2, 2023, 11:00 AM
Our Redeemer's Lutheran Church
Williston, North Dakota

Officiating

Pastor Ross Reinhiller

Music

"Our Father" ~ Terry Gaudreau
"Hallelujah" ~ Kellee Black
"Good-bye" ~ Kenny Rogers

Organist

Celeste Lundbloom

Honorary Urn Bearers

All of Brad's Grandchildren

Dylan Evert	Andilyn Evert
Ellery Evert	Haines Stephenson
Camden Stephenson	Brooks Stephenson

Arrangements By

Fulkerson Stevenson Funeral Home
Williston, North Dakota

Celebrating
THE LIFE OF

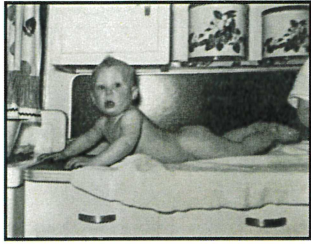


Bradley James Olson

September 27, 1953 - February 25, 2023

The Day God Took You Home

A million times I've needed you,
a million times I've cried...
If love alone could have saved you
you never would have died.
In life I loved you dearly,
in death I love you still.
In my heart you hold a place,
no one else can ever fill.
It broke my heart to lose you
but you didn't go alone.
Part of me went with you
that day that GOD
took you home.



Bradley James Olson 69, of Williston, ND passed away Saturday, February 25, 2023 at his home with his loving family by his side.

Brad was born on September 27, 1953 in Williston, North Dakota to Elvin and Pati Olson and was the oldest of three sons. Brad was raised on the family farm west of Williston and he farmed with his dad for many years.

On September 3, 1977, Brad married Marilyn Imsland in Williston. They were blessed with two daughters, Taylor and Whitney. Brad and Marilyn celebrated their 45th wedding anniversary last September.

Brad was a fourth-generation farmer and he was a true caretaker of the land. He spent many hours on the tractor or combine, mostly with the company of his loyal companions, our family labs. Throughout his life, Brad was active on many boards and committees. He especially loved basketball and spent many weekends traveling with his daughters and coaching Whitney's traveling basketball team. His favorite family vacations were taking his family skiing in Montana. Brad and Marilyn bought their retirement home in Big Sky, Montana in 2014 and loved to spend their time in the mountains.

Brad finally gained the sons he never had when Jordon and Jason joined the family. Brad and Marilyn enjoyed many great years with Taylor, Whitney, Jordon and Jason. They took many vacations together and thoroughly enjoyed those times, but the best was yet to come. Brad and Marilyn became grandparents in 2014 and one of Brad's greatest joys was spending time with his grandkids. Dylan and Haines were born in 2014, Camden and Andilyn in 2016, Ellery in 2019 and Brooks in 2020.

Brad passed away on February 25, 2023 surrounded by his family at home, after a hard-fought, seven-year long battle with Lou Gehrig's disease (ALS). Brad's resilience, determination, and positive attitude are a true testament to the person that he was and is something that we will always admire. Despite the circumstances, Brad chose to live life to the fullest.

Brad is survived by his wife of 45 years, Marilyn; daughter Taylor and son-in-law Jordon, daughter Whitney and son-in-law Jason; grandkids, Dylan Evert, Haines Stephenson, Camden Stephenson, Andilyn Evert, Ellery

Evert, and Brooks Stephenson; mother, Pati Olson; mother-in-law, Joann Imsland; brothers, Ryan Olson, Rick Olson and sister-in-law, Barb Olson; brother-in-law, Bob Imsland and wife, Dorothy; sister-in-law, Janelle Braden and her husband Steve; many nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his father, Elvin; father-in-law, Joseph Imsland; sister-in-law, Debby Olson; along with many aunts, uncles, and friends.

We are so appreciative for all of the love and support we have received from our family and friends. Brad has many angels on earth that we would like to thank for all of the assistance they provided through the years. Brad thoroughly enjoyed the time spent with his caregivers and friends in his last few years and we are so grateful for Susan, Carol, Jane, Larry, Kay, Christine, Wendy, Celena, Vicki, Janelle and especially his life-long friend Dallas Bustad who was not only a friend, but a dedicated caregiver.

In lieu of flowers, please consider sending memorials to either The Williston Coyote Foundation- Bradley Olson Scholarship or the Faith United Methodist Church in Williston, ND.

Strength
Hope
Love

