

### Close the Gate (For Dad)

For this one farmer the worries are over, lie down and rest  
your head,  
Your time has been and struggles enough, put the tractor in  
the shed.  
Years were not easy, many downright hard, but your faith in  
God transcended,  
Put away your tools and sleep in peace. The fences have all  
been mended.  
You raised you a fine family, worked the land well and al-  
ways followed the Son,  
Hang up your shovel inside of the barn; your work here on  
earth is done.  
A faith few possess led your journey through life, often a jag-  
ged and stony way,  
The sun is setting, the cattle are all bedded, and here now is  
the end of your day.  
Your love of God's soil has passed on to your kin; the stories  
flow like fine wine,  
Wash off your work boots in the puddle left by blessed rain  
one final time.  
You always believed that the good Lord would provide and  
He always had somehow,  
Take off your gloves and put them down, no more sweat and  
worry for you now.  
Your labor is done, your home now is heaven; no more must  
you wait,  
Your legacy lives on, your love for the land, and we will close  
the gate.

By Nancy Kraayenhof

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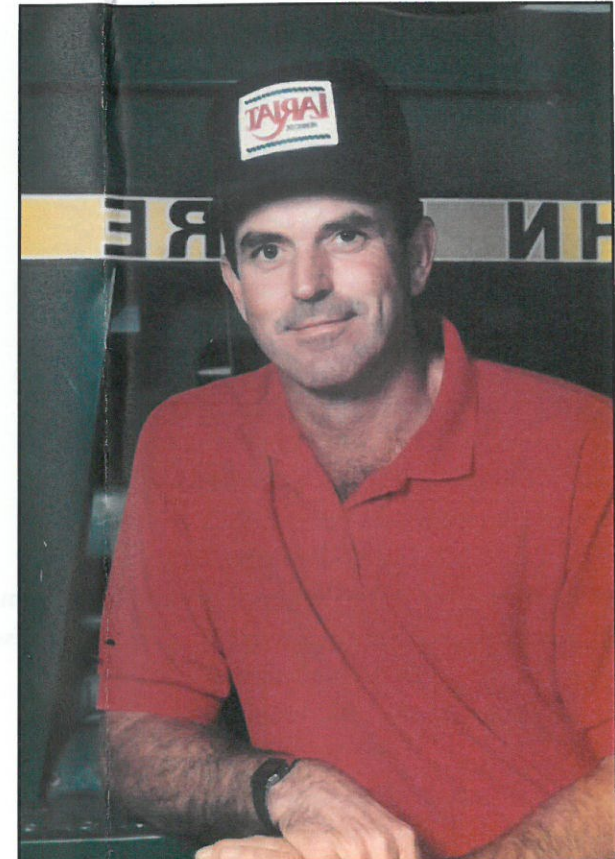
Following the service at the cemetery you  
are cordially invited for a time of fellowship  
and lunch at the Shenandoah Elks Club.

Please silence you cell phones prior to the services.

*Services entrusted Hackett-Livingston Funeral Home*

## *Celebration of Life Services*

### **Charles Earl Holman**



*In Memory*

**Charles Earl Holman**

*Born*

October 18, 1945  
Hamburg, Iowa

*Entered Into Rest*

May 25, 2017  
Omaha, Nebraska

*Age*

71 years, 7 months, 7 days

*Celebration of Life Services*

Hackett-Livingston Funeral Home  
Tuesday, May 30, 2017  
Eleven O'Clock a.m.

*Words of Comfort*

Phil Wing                  Donna Munsinger

*Casket Bearers*

Alex Stripe	Cole Boyer	Brandon Holman
Bob Marshall	John Burkhiser	Louis Burkhiser
	Tim Bredenstiener	

*Music Selections*

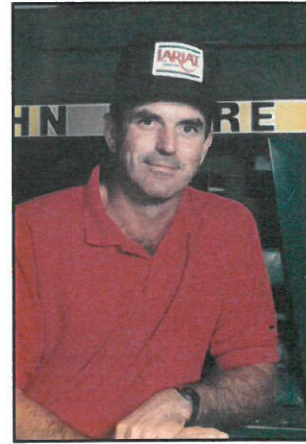
"Amazing Grace" by LeAnn Rimes  
"Blanket On The Ground" by Billie Jo Spears

*Military Honors*

Shenandoah American Legion Post #88 Color Guard

*Interment*

Rose Hill Cemetery  
Shenandoah, Iowa



Charles Earl Holman, 71, of Essex Iowa, passed away on May 25th, 2017 at Prairie Meadows Memory Unit in Omaha.

Charles was born in Hamburg, IA on October 18th, 1945. He attended Farragut Community School and graduated in 1964. He went to California and worked on a horse ranch for a year, before returning home to farm. He served in the Iowa National Guard and was discharged in 1973.

Charles was married to Linda McKay on March 26th, 1967; they were married for 50 years. They lived together on the farm outside Farragut where they raised their children, Mindy, Kara, and Brent.

Charles worked as a farmer and a carpenter for 55 years. He enjoyed bowling, golf and playing with his grandchildren.

Charles is preceded in death by his father Edward Holman, his mother Neta Holman, his step-mother Ruby, his sister Darlene Spears, and his brother Carrol Holman.

Charles is survived by his wife Linda Holman; his brother Melb Holman; his brother-in-law Arnold Spears, his brother-in-law Mike McKay and his wife Ida; his daughter Mindy Stripe and her husband Jon; his daughter Kara Boyer; his son Brent Holman; his grandchildren Amanda and her husband Coy, Neta, Alex, Cole, Natalie, and Brandon; his great-granddaughter Charlie Mae, and other family and friends.

Memorial may be given to St. Jude's Children's Hospital.