George Willyard, age 85, passed away on Saturday, November 21, 2020, at Golden Acres Manor, Carrington, ND.

George LeRoy Willyard was born on December 18, 1934, at Edmunds, ND, to Warren and Edyth (Zink) Willyard. He grew up and attended school in Melville, ND. He spent six years in the National Guard before he was honorably discharged.

George was employed by Reimers Seed Farm until he

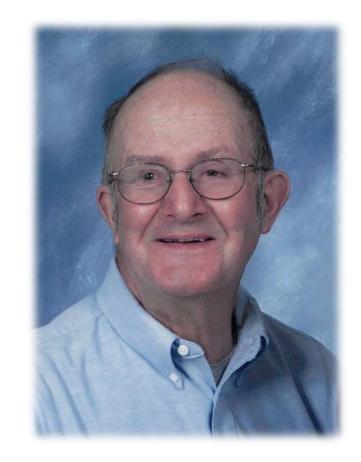
retired in 1992. He was a member of the Federated Church in Carrington. George was united in marriage to Darlene Bellquist on June 20, 1960, in Cathay, ND. He enjoyed gardening, fishing and spending time with his family.

He is survived by his two children, Robin Willyard and Troy Willyard both of Carrington; three brothers, Jerry (Arliss) Willyard, Oelwein, IA, Alan (Cynthia) Willyard of Carrington, and Jim (Mary) Willyard of Anoka, MN.

George was preceded in death by his wife Darlene; his parents; one brother, Wells; and two sons, Glen and Todd.



Celebrating the Life of



George L. Willyard

December 18, 1934 - November 21, 2020

In Loving Memory Of

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 a piano, or a single string on a violin.

Hands that are versatile, simultaneously wielding an ax and swiping a fistful of 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 a 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 out 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 we love – a farmer's hands.

George L. Willyard

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VISITATION

Wednesday, November 25, 2020 ~ 1:00PM-2:00PM Evans Funeral Home, Carrington, ND

FUNERAL SERVICE

Wednesday, November 25, 2020 ~ 2:00PM Evans Funeral Home, Carrington, ND

OFFICIATING

Rev. Rick Loewen

SPECIAL MUSIC

Softly & Tenderly ~ Alan Jackson What A Friend We Have In Jesus ~ Alan Jackson How Great Thou Art ~ Alan Jackson

PALLBEARERS

Mark Lange ~ Chans Price ~ Gaylen Rosenau Dan Beckley ~ Jeff Barton ~ Mark Laber

MILITARY HONORS North Dakota National Guard Funeral Honors Team

BURIAL

Carrington Cemetery - Carrington, ND

Arrangements by Evans Funeral Home – Carrington & New Rockford, ND www.EvansFuneralHomeND.com