

Francis L. Loraditch, age 86, of Varina, Iowa died Saturday, May 13, 2006 at Fonda Nursing and Rehab in Fonda, Iowa.

Francis Loraditch was born April 25, 1920 to Lawrence and Mary (Rollins) Loraditch in Pharr, Texas. As a child, he moved with his family to Sioux City, Iowa, where he received his education.

As a young man, Francis entered the United States Navy and served from 1940 to 1945, during World War II. Francis re-enlisted in 1950 and served during the Korean conflict, again in the Navy, until his second honorable discharge in 1952. During his enlistments, he worked on the artillery aboard gunboats.

On June 8, 1946, Francis was united in marriage to Marjorie E. Pry at St. Joseph's Church in Sioux City. There union was blessed with seven children: Jerry, Daisy, Robert, Drinda, Daisy, Rosemary and Timothy.

Francis worked as a miner until his retirement in 1977. He was baptized at Oracle Southern Baptist Church in Oracle, Arizona in 1965 and was currently a member of Bethel Baptist Church in Newell, Iowa at the time of his death. Francis enjoyed working with wood, and he loved to fish and hunt.

Left to cherish his memory are his son Jerry Loraditch of Newell; daughter Drinda (Maynard) Oehlbeck of Rochester, New York; daughter Daisy (James) Venn of Bagdad, Arizona; daughter Rosemary (William) Leaym of Varina, Iowa, and son Timothy (Jeannette) Loraditch of Alta, Iowa; grandchildren: Chris (Susie) Loraditch of Illinois; Steven (Sara) Loraditch of Arizona; Carlie Loraditch of Tucson, Arizona; Michael Oehlbeck of Rochester, New York; Marnard (Lisa) Oehlbeck of Fairport, New York; James Oehlbeck of Rochard, New York; Shane Oehlbeck of Rochester, New York; April (Richard) Fessenden of San Manuel, Arizona; Jamie (Clint) Walker of Bagdad, Arizona; Francis Carter of Varina, Iowa; Joe Carter of Ontario, Canada; Rosemary Carter of Newell; Tim (Geneveive) Loraditch of Des Moines, Iowa; James Loraditch of Alta; and Jennifer (Charlie) Loraditch of Alta; fourteen great-grandchildren; two brothers: David (Ella Mae) Loraditch and Veren (Rose) Loraditch, both of Sioux City; sisters: Elevyn (Clem) McCormick of Los Angeles, California; Fanny (Delmur) McMillian; and Lillian (Authur) Flohr of Colorado; as well as other relatives and a host of friends.

Francis was preceded in death by his parents; his wife, Marjorie; daughter Daisy Loraditch; son Robert Loraditch; David Loraditch; and sisters Marion Stevens and Margret Hanson.



In Loving Memory



Francis L. Loraditch

1920 — 2006



A Farmer's Hands

Hands that are large and tough
from many years of rugged, outdoor work.
Hands with fingers sensitive to music,
but too thick to strike just one key
on the piano, or a single string on a violin.
Hands that are versatile,
simultaneously wielding an ax and swiping
a fistful of pinch 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 pail full 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 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 I loved, a farmer's hands.
—author unknown

We wish to express our gratitude for the kindness evidenced in
thought and deed, and for your attendance at this service.

You are invited for lunch and a time of fellowship at the church immediately
following the memorial service.



The Loraditch Family

IN MEMORY OF

Francis L. Loraditch

April 25, 1920 — May 13, 2006

FUNERAL SERVICE

Wednesday, May 17, 2006 at 10:00 a.m.

*Bethel Baptist Church
Newell, Iowa*

CLERGY

Pastor Thomas Juftice

ORGANIST

Helen Christiansen

SOLOIST

*Amy Juffer
"Amazing Grace"
"Old Rugged Cross"*

Recorded Selection

"Daddy's Hands"

INTERMENT

*Evergreen Cemetery
Tucson, Arizona*

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