

## IN MEMORY OF

*Millard Francis Dubes*

*September 28, 1923 — September 17, 2006*

### MEMORIAL SERVICE

*Wednesday, September 20, 2006 • 10:30 a.m.  
Lakeside Presbyterian Church • Storm Lake, Iowa*

#### CLERGY

*Reverend Duane Queen*

#### ORGANIST

*Deanna Larson*

#### SOLOIST

*Sharon Daniels  
"How Great Thou Art"*

#### CONGREGATIONAL HYMNS

*"Amazing Grace"  
"I Love To Tell The Story"  
"Going Home"*

#### CASKETBEARERS

*Millard's Nephews & Niece  
Dan Fordyce, Mark Fordyce, David Fordyce  
Matt Fordyce, Tom Hucke, Carol Koeple*

#### HONORARY CASKETBEARERS

*Millard's Grandchildren  
Ryan Dubes, Nathan Dubes, Bryce Dubes  
Patricia Dubes, Dr. Robert Braksiek, Andrew Braksiek*

#### FINAL RESTING PLACE

*Oak Hill Cemetery  
Cherokee, Iowa*



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## 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,  
My husband's and our father's.

—Author Unknown

## Remembering A Special Life



**Millard Dubes**

1923 — 2006



**M**illard Dubes, age 82, of Storm Lake, Iowa, died Sunday evening, September 17, 2006 at the Buena Vista Regional Medical Center in Storm Lake.

Millard Francis Dubes was born the third child of Clifford and Nellie (Ohlson) Dubes on September 28, 1923 at Aurelia, Iowa. He attended elementary school at Diamond Township country school (Cherokee county), high school at Aurelia and Iowa State University at Ames, Iowa for one quarter. He then returned home to farm with his father on the family farm near Aurelia.

On February 21, 1946, Millard was united in marriage to Patricia Ann Kent at Cherokee, Iowa. The couple was blessed with three children: Jane, Brian and Cameron. Millard and Patricia worked on the family farm together until Patricia's death on May 14, 1974. Millard retired from farming in 1975 and moved to Storm Lake.

On September 6, 1975, Millard married Darlene (Cartwright) Mart in Ames, Iowa, and acquired a step-son, Craig.

Millard worked a short time for Vista Products canning factory in the warehouse until the company closed, and then worked a short time for Thompson Turkey Industries in the warehouse until that company was purchased by Bil-Mar Foods. Millard then worked as a purchasing agent for Bil-Mar and later Sara Lee Corporation until his retirement.

Millard gave tirelessly of his time in service to his community. He was a member of Farm Bureau, and the

**W**e wish to express our gratitude for the kindnesses evidenced in thought and deed, and for your attendance at this service. You are invited to join us for lunch and a time of fellowship at the church immediately following the service.

### Millard's Family

country extension service, of which he served as chairman for three years. He was a 4-H leader and FFA honorary farmer. A 30-year member of the Lions Club, Millard served as president of that organization three different times. He also served on Storm Lake's Harker House board, as well as being a caretaker of the Harker House gardens. He was a faithful member of Lakeside Presbyterian Church in Storm Lake, where he served as Deacon and Elder. Millard also was a world-class volunteer, giving of his time to volunteer for many functions, most notably for the Buena Vista Regional Medical Center and for his church.

A devoted husband, father, step-father, grandfather, and great-grandfather, beloved brother and uncle, and valued friend, Millard's quiet, kind presence will be dearly missed by all those who knew and loved him.

Left to cherish his memory are his wife of 31 years, Darlene Dubes of Storm Lake; daughter Jane (Dennis) Braksiek of Cedar Rapids, Iowa; son Brian (Shelly) Dubes of Lenoire City, Tennessee; son Cameron Dubes of New York, New York; step-son Craig Mart of Omaha, Nebraska; six grandchildren; four great-grandchildren; his brother, Wilmer (Cleo) Dubes of Des Moines, Iowa; his brother-in-law, Eldon Fordyce of Aurelia, Iowa; nieces, nephews, extended family and a host of friends.

Millard was preceded in death by his parents; his first wife, Patricia; and two sisters, LaVonne Hoyt and Janet Fordyce.

