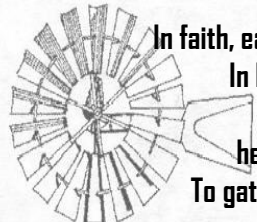


Final Harvest

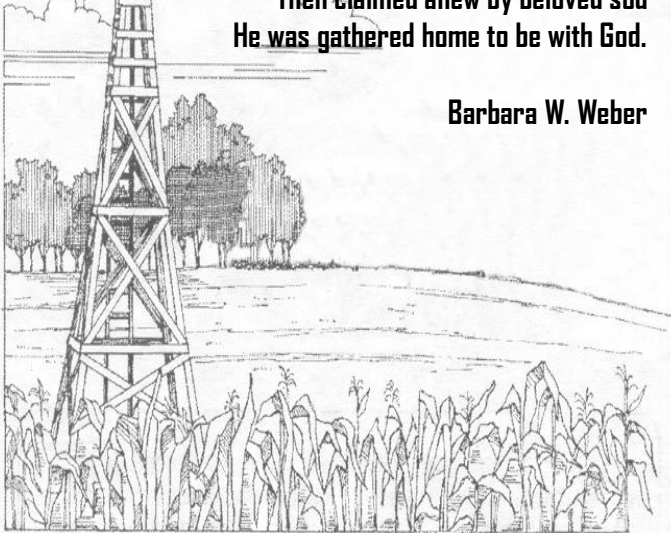
He was bound to the land from the day of his birth.
His roots anchored deep in the fertile earth.
Nurtured, sustained, by the soil he grew
And his life, like his furrows, ran straight and true.



In faith, each spring, he planted the seeds
In hope, to reap his family's needs.
With patience,
he waited for the harvest to come
To gather the fruits of his labor home.

Ever turning seasons, the years sped past
Till the final harvest came at last.
Then claimed anew by beloved sod
He was gathered home to be with God.

Barbara W. Weber



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

You are all invited to join us for lunch and a time of fellowship at the church immediately following the service.

- The Family of Don Mentzer

IN MEMORY OF Donald R. Mentzer

May 28, 1918 - April 21, 2008

FUNERAL SERVICE

Thursday, April 24, 2008

11:00 a.m.

First Presbyterian Church

Odebolt, Iowa

CLERGY

Reverend Mark Volkers

MUSIC

Congregational Singing

Carol Raasch, Organist

HONORARY PALLBEARERS

Kent Mentzer

Mitchell Mentzer

Neil Cedar

Austin Mentzer

PALLBEARERS

Ralph Mentzer

Keith Mentzer

Gene Mentzer

Jeff Mentzer

Dick Mason

Randy Mason

FINAL RESTING PLACE

Schaller Cemetery

Schaller, Iowa

Arrangements by

Fratzke & Jensen Funeral Homes & Cremation Center

Newell - Storm Lake - Schaller

Condolences May Be Sent To: www.fratzkejensen.com

To everything there
is a season,
and a time to
every purpose
under the heaven.
A time to plant and
a time to harvest. . .

As God sows and
reaps each tiny
seed in the soil,
He cares for us
from first light
and far beyond
our earthly toil.

~ Ecclesiastes 3



Donald Ralph Mentzer, age 89, of Schaller, Iowa, passed away on Monday, April 21, 2008, at the Trinity Regional Medical Center in Fort Dodge, Iowa.

Don was born on May 28, 1918, on a farm in Cherokee County, Iowa, to Ralph and Marian (Parker) Mentzer. At the age of nine, the family moved to Sac County to the farm where Ray Mentzer now lives. Don attended a country school near the family farm and Early High School.

On February 6, 1944, Don married Helen Godbersen at the Presbyterian Church in Odebolt, Iowa, where he was a long time member, and served as a Trustee. Four children were born to this union: Donna, Kenneth, Bruce, and Rick.

As a young man, Don started farming with horses, and he was still farming through the 2007 harvest. Don was a loving husband, father, and grandfather. He enjoyed family reunions. Don especially enjoyed Christmas. A real tree and lighting the fireplace provided a warm and loving homecoming for all his children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren. You could often find him at the feedmill having coffee with his friends. He will be missed by many.

His favorite pastime was restoring antique tractors, which led to a large collection. Including the 1935 John Deere A that was purchased by his father, Ralph as a new tractor. These tractors were proudly displayed at many area celebrations.

Survivors include his wife, Helen; his children: Donna and (Gene) Cedar of Meriden, IA; Ken and (Linda) Mentzer of Holstein; Bruce and (Jackie) Mentzer of Schaller; and Rick and (Brenda) Mentzer of Schaller; ten grandchildren and six great-grandchildren: Neil Cedar; Kami (Reggie) Morton and their children Kylei and Braelin; Kent (Tami) Mentzer and their son Kale; Kallie (Matt) Voge and their children McKenzie and Addison; Sara (Chad) Steinkamp and their daughter Josie Ann; Mitchell Mentzer; Ayla (Jim) Alesch; Alyssa Ringgenberg; Austin Mentzer; and Hallie Mentzer. Other survivors include his brothers: Howard (Betty) Mentzer of Nemaha and Raymond (Marilyn) of Early; sister-in-law Hallie Mason; many extended family members; and a host of friends.

Don was preceded in death by his parents; one great-grandson; two brothers: Homer in infancy and Russell Mentzer and wife Lucille; two sisters and their husbands: Lola and Everett Stoneberg and Joyce and Lee Mason; and two nephews.



In Loving Memory of



Donald R. Mentzer

May 28, 1918 - April 21, 2008

Jesus said, "I am the resurrection and the life; he who believes in me, though he die, yet shall he live, and whoever lives and believes in me shall never die."

~John 11:25,26