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October 6, 7, & 8, Fall MI Tootsie Roll Drive

October 9, Columbus Day

October 29, Officers Meeting at 4:30, Rosary at 5:30

October 29, Membership Meeting 6:00

Minutes of the Knights of Columbus 9182, September 24, 2023

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From the public GoFundMe update page: From Jill McMahon:

“The seed sown on rich soil is the one who hears the word and understand it.”

My family is so very grateful for all the memories shared and support that has been poured out from the communities near and far. I want to share with you that while we are very heartbroken and will be forever changed because of his death, Jason lived a truly blessed life and a full life. While he had many dreams yet to fulfill, he was living his dream life, his best life.

He dreamed of a farm life for himself and his family for which he delivered above and beyond. He was self-taught in raising jersey cows to provide milk, butter, and cheese for the family. He learned how to manage our pastures to nourish our animals through traditional planting and harvesting techniques. He bred and raised a heritage hog (GOS) cross yielding the cutest squealing pink spotted piglets, while providing the best pork I ever had in my life. His harvests also yielded produce nearly year-round from carrots dug from the soil between November and March and fresh potatoes enjoyed from August to March. Together we harvested squash, lettuces, pumpkins, and all possible vegetables that can be grown in Michigan. We canned beets, beans, salsa, pickles, tomatoes, apples, and jam and stocked the freezer with fresh corn, peas, peaches, and asparagus. His harvests yielded navy and black beans as well as cornmeal and popcorn. He was known to plant in row lengths of 50', usually between 3 and 5 rows, just to be sure we had a big enough yield. He harvested honey from our bees and maple syrup from our trees. He built an enormous chicken coup providing fresh eggs year-round. He raised beautiful and sustaining turkeys over the years. He built a smoker for our meat which was enjoyed by many at our Pig Roasts. He continuously worked to keep our tractors and various machines and implements running and functioning.

He was determined to find meaning in all parts of living a traditional life well beyond “farm to table”. Jason lived a life of virtue and has passed along more wisdom to his children than most receive in a full lifetime. He lived by and believed in God our father and centered our lives and experiences on faith and commitment. He was a brilliant engineer with a true gift of logic. Faced with any number of challenges, with hard work, grit, and determination, he found solutions and teaching opportunities in each experience. He modeled and enjoyed hard work and found enormous value in labor and being truly connected to the richness of the soil. He designed and mastered a home school curriculum that our children fell in love with. He has also given our children gifts of inquisition, creativity, and patience.

Our children respected and loved their generous father and teacher all the days of his life. While we are very early in the process of healing and grieving, I want to let everyone know that the children are beaming with life and showing amazing resilience. May the Lord continue to give us strength.

Thank you for the prayers and support. We love you all so much and Jason, we all miss you tremendously.

And on the 8th day, God looked down on his planned paradise and said,

"I need a caretaker." So God made a farmer.

God said, "I need somebody willing to get up before dawn, milk cows, work all day in the fields, milk cows again, eat supper and then go to town and stay past midnight at a meeting of the school board." *So God made a farmer.*

"I need somebody with arms strong enough to rustle a calf and yet gentle enough to deliver his own grandchild. Somebody to call hogs, tame cantankerous machinery, come home hungry, have to wait lunch until his wife's done feeding visiting ladies and tell the ladies to be sure and come back real soon -- and mean it." *So God made a farmer.*

God said, "I need somebody willing to sit up all night with a newborn colt. And watch it die. Then dry his eyes and say, 'Maybe next year.' I need somebody who can shape an ax handle from a persimmon sprout, shoe a horse with a hunk of car tire, who can make harness out of haywire, feed sacks and shoe scraps. And who, planting time and harvest season, will finish his forty-hour week by Tuesday noon, then, pain'n from 'tractor back,' put in another seventy-two hours." *So God made a farmer.*

God had to have somebody willing to ride the ruts at double speed to get the hay in ahead of the rain clouds and yet stop in mid-field and race to help when he sees the first smoke from a neighbor's place. *So God made a farmer.*

God said, "I need somebody strong enough to clear trees and heave bails, yet gentle enough to tame lambs and wean pigs and tend the pink-combed pullets, who will stop his mower for an hour to splint the broken leg of a meadow lark." It had to be somebody who'd plow deep and straight and not cut corners. Somebody to seed, weed, feed, breed and rake and disc and plow and plant and tie the fleece and strain the milk and replenish the self-feeder and finish a hard week's work with a five-mile drive to church. "Somebody who'd bale a family together with the soft strong bonds of sharing, who would laugh and then sigh, and then reply, with smiling eyes, when his son says he wants to spend his life 'doing what dad does.'

So God made a farmer.

Paul Harvey





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