



My Farm

My farm to me is not just land
Where bare unpainted buildings stand—
To me, my farm is nothing less
Than all created loveliness.

My farm is not where I must soil
My hands in endless dreary toil
But where, through seed and swelling pod
I've learned to walk, and talk with God.

My farm, to me, is not a place
Outmoded by the modern race
For there, I think, I just see less
Of evil, greed, and selfishness.

My farm's a haven—here dwells rest,
Security and happiness—
Whate'er befalls the world outside
Here faith and hope and love abide.

And so my farm is not just land
Where bare unpainted buildings stand—
To me, my farm is nothing less
Than all God's hoarded loveliness.

Robert Bley

Date and Place of Birth
January 29, 1919
Port Washington, Wisconsin

Date and Place of Death
January 5, 2010
Velva, North Dakota

Vigil Prayer Service
St. John the Baptist Church
Portal, North Dakota
Sat, Jan. 9, 2010- 10:00 a.m.

Mass of Christian Burial
St. John the Baptist Church
Portal, North Dakota
Sat, Jan. 9, 2010- 11:00 a.m.

Service Participants

Father Biju Chitteth - Celebrant of the Liturgies
Stephanie Sweaney – Readers
Crystal Murphy and Stephanie Sweaney – Giftbearers

Music

Processional Hymn: “How Great Thou Art”
Offertory Hymn: “Amazing Grace”
Communion Hymn: “Softly and Tenderly”
Commendation: “Song of Farewell”
Recessional Hymn: “On Eagle's Wings”
Deanna Dhuyvetter, Cantor
Mary Dhuyvetter, Organist

Honorary Bearers

Robert's family and friends

Active Bearers

Robert Sweaney
Kris Murphy

Christian Murphy
Lance Opperude

Anna Hayes
Charlie Ringwall

Final Resting Place

St. John the Baptist Church
Portal, North Dakota

Those wishing to attend the graveside service are asked to drive with both headlights and hazard lights “ON”. Please follow the vehicle in front of you as close as safety permits. Once at the cemetery please double park and follow the family to the graveside for the final prayers.

Following the funeral service, please join the family
for a time of fellowship and lunch in the fellowship hall.

Our family would like to thank all of you for your many acts of
kindness. Your thoughts and prayers are greatly appreciated during
this difficult time. May God bless the memory of Robert.

Thompson-Larson Funeral Home, Minot, North Dakota