



For God so loved the world,
That he gave his only begotten
Son, that whosoever believeth
In Him should not perish, but
Have everlasting life.

—John 3:16

IN LOVING MEMORY OF

Russell Ellsworth Skundberg

WHO WAS BORN

August 8, 1923

Foster Township, Big Stone County, Minnesota

AND CALLED TO HIS ETERNAL HOME

January 1, 2019

Ortonville, Minnesota

FUNERAL SERVICE

Saturday, January 5, 2019 - 10:30 a.m.

Fairway View Community Orpheum

Ortonville, Minnesota

OFFICIANT

Minster Bev McNeill

MUSICIANS

Pam Chase, Pianist

Wentland Grandchildren

CASKET BEARERS

Dale Wentland Brian Wentland Josh Boots

Ryan Boots Garrison Boots Gavin Boots

INTERMENT

Holden Lutheran Cemetery

Foster Township, Big Stone County, Minnesota

APPRECIATION

Russell's family is grateful for your attendance at this service.

Your expressions of kindness and love are deeply appreciated. Following the service, please join the family for lunch and fellowship at Donnie's Diner.

ARRANGEMENTS BY

Mundwiler and Larson Funeral Home - Ortonville, Minnesota

Russell Ellsworth Skundberg was born August 8, 1923, in Foster Township of Big Stone County to Julius and Cora (Fossen) Skundberg. He was the oldest of four children. Russell attended country school at Sunnyside and graduated from Ortonville High School. While in school, he was very active in 4-H and FFA. After graduation, Russell helped on his parents' farm and eventually purchased the farm homestead in 1968. In 1985, the Skundberg farm was named a Minnesota Century Farm.

On March 16, 1968, Russell married Theda (Dorenbusch) Boots. Along with this marriage came an instant family; Theda had eight children from her previous marriage. Russ and Theda celebrated their 50th anniversary in 2018 at Fairway View.

Russell was a life-long member of Holden Lutheran Church. He served on the church board as secretary for many years and on the cemetery board. He also served on the Big Stone County Fair Board for many years.

Russell retired from farming in 1975, and he and Theda started going to Texas in the winter. They were able to be winter Texans for over 30 years. During Russell's retirement years, he took great joy in raising a large garden. He was always willing to share his abundant garden produce with family and friends. He also loved a good auction.

In 2012, they purchased a home in Ortonville and lived there until moving into Fairway View Independent Living in 2015. In 2017, Russell moved into Northridge and then Fairway View Nursing Home when it was completed. Theda joined him four months later.

Russell is survived by his wife, Theda; seven step-children: John (Betty) Boots, Frank (Pam) Boots, Margaret (Cliff) Steinlicht, Anita Cox, Barb (Paul) Khoury, Deb (Gary) Wentland and Gary (Christi) Boots; grandchildren; great-grandchildren; sisters: Dorothy Jorgenson and LuJean Gimmestad; brother, Dale Skundberg; and many nieces and nephews.

He is preceded in death by his parents and a step-son, Donald Boots.

