

## Just A Farmer

*"Just a farmer", you said,  
And I laughed cause I knew  
All the things that farmers  
Must be able to do.*

*They must study the land,  
Then watch the sky  
And figure out just when  
Is the right time and why*

*To sow and to plant  
To buy and to sell  
To go to the market  
With cattle and well*

*You know the books  
That farmers must keep  
To pay all those taxes  
And be able to sleep.*

*And to know the fixin'  
That farmers must do  
When machines like mad monsters  
Blow a gasket or two*

*I guess when God needed  
Folks to care for His earth  
He chose "just farmers"  
'Cause He knew their true worth.*

*-Helen G. Coon*



*Celebrating The Life Of*

**Bruce J.  
Pollard**

*January 20, 1951*

*October 6, 2019*

### *Services At:*

Nora Lutheran Church – Rural Kensington, Minnesota  
Saturday – October 12, 2019 – 11:00 a.m.

### *Officiating Clergy:*

Reverend Janna Bader

### *Organist:*

Tricia Saulsbury

### *Soloist:*

Candus Berry

### *Pallbearers:*

Darren Swanson, John "Mike" Fassinger, Doni Anderson  
Quentin Pollard, Ralph Berry, Tom Boettcher

### *Interment:*

Solem Cemetery  
Rural Kensington, Minnesota

*Pedersen Funeral Home - Morris, Minnesota*

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**B**ruce James Pollard, son of Lester and Elizabeth “Betty” (Kill) Pollard, was born on January 20, 1951 at Graceville, Minnesota. After graduating from Cyrus High School, Bruce remained on the family farm, raising corn and beans and finishing hogs. As his parents retired from farming, Bruce switched from finishing hogs to Holstein steers.

With longtime farmhand and friend, Chuck Ritter, Bruce enjoyed riding Harley-Davidson motorcycles, flathead catfishing, muzzleloader deer hunting, and winning at casinos. Bruce could be found driving tractor or cheering the Vikings with his canine companion, Missy, on his lap. Hardworking as he was, Bruce was often heard saying, “Gotta keep on rollin’!”

Bruce was known for his kind and gentle spirit. With over 30 years of sobriety, Bruce poured out compassion by sponsoring many recovering alcoholics. He loved family, doting over his granddaughters and never failing to call and sing “Happy Birthday” to siblings and friends.

Bruce James Pollard passed away peacefully at West Wind Village in Morris on Sunday, October 6, 2019. He enjoyed life and actively farmed while braving diabetes and leukemia.

Bruce is survived by his son: Brent “BJ” Pollard of Cyrus; two granddaughters: Destiny and Lydia Pollard of Donnelly; one step-son: John “Mike” Fassinger of Kensington; three sisters: Connie (Spencer) Howey of Alexandria, Chleo Anderson of Alexandria, and RaeJean (Ted) Marsh of Roberts, WI; one brother: Kevin (Linda) Pollard of Kensington; devoted friend: Chuck Ritter of Hancock; and many nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents: Lester and Betty Pollard; a nephew: Corey Swanson; four infant nieces; and three infant nephews.

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