



*James "Jim" Bennett*

Jim, age 72, of Dighton, Ks, passed away Wednesday, December 23, 2015. He was born January 1, 1943, in Scott County to George J. Bennett and Mary Ellen (Fenton) Bennett. Jim married Debbie Wilson on April 8, 1972, in Scott City, Ks.

Survivors include his loving wife of 43 years, Debbie (Wilson) Bennett; son, Martin J. "Marty" Bennett; brothers, Robert Bennett of Healy and Terry Bennett of Torrington Wyoming; and many nieces and nephews.

Jim was preceded in death by his parents George and Mary Bennett; brothers, Ralph Bennett and Harold Bennett; four sisters, Margie Bennett, Joyce Blau, Cathy Hering and Mary Weibe.

Jim was employed with Sharp Feed Farms as a Farm Manager and was a Lane County Deputy Sheriff for 13 years.

Jim enjoyed woodworking and bow hunting. He was also involved with Odd Fellows and the Lane County Conservation Board and served as the Chairman for 13 years.

A Memorial Service will be held Wednesday, December 30, 2015, 2:00 pm, at the First Christian Church, Dighton, Ks. Cremation has taken place.

Suggested memorial contributions are to the First Christian Church of Dighton, Ks and the Lane County Conservation District for Trees in Memory of Jim, in care of Weeks Family Funeral Home & Crematory, P.O. Box 1200, Sublette, Ks 67877. Condolences may be left online at [WeeksFamilyFuneralHome.com](http://WeeksFamilyFuneralHome.com)



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# James Wesley Bennett

January 1, 1943 - December 23, 2015



# so God made a farmer.

- Paul Harvey

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.

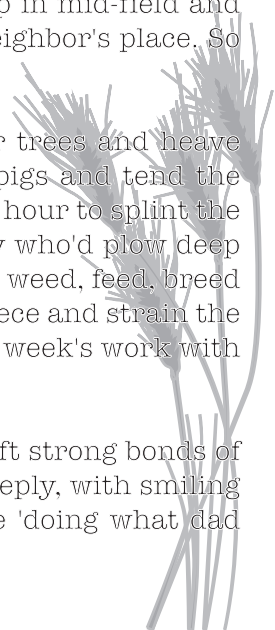
"I need somebody with arms strong enough to rustle a calf and yet gentle enough to deliver his own grandchild. Somebody to call hogs, tame cantankerous machinery, come home hungry, have to wait lunch until his wife's done feeding visiting ladies and tell the ladies to be sure and come back real soon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



## Memorial Service

Wednesday, December 30, 2015, 2:00 pm  
First Christian Church, Dighton, Kansas

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### Call to Worship

Pastor Alana Chapman

### Opening Prayer

Rev. Aerii Smith

### "The Old Rugged Cross"

Vance Shay

### Greeting & Statement of Purpose

Rev. Aerii Smith

### Pastoral Prayer

Rev. Aerii Smith

### "Wind Beneath My Wings"

Vance Shay

### Reading of Scripture

Pastor Alana Chapman

### Word of Grace & Eulogy

Rev. Aerii Smith

### "What a Wonderful World"

A Recording of Louis Armstrong

### Benediction

Rev. Aerii Smith

### Honorary Pallbearers

Gary Bartlette	Aaron Paris
Russ Chapman	Jeff Scammehorn
Galen Doll	Eugene Shapland
Steve Heath	Dan Sharp
Todd Honstead	Gail Sharp
Brent Moomow	Aaron Von-Schritlz