CLOSE THE GATE

For this one farmer the worries are over, lie down and rest your head.

Your time has been and struggles enough, put the tractor in the shed.

Years were not easy, many downright hard; but your faith in farming transcended.

Put away your tools and sleep in peace, the fences have all been mended.

Hang up your jacket, the sheep have been lambed. Your work here on earth is done.

You raced some fine horses, placed a good bet and always followed the sun.

A faith few possess led your journey through life, with hard work and determination, all the way.

The sun is setting, the chocolates all eaten and here now is the end of your day.

Your love of the races was your joy, and in the winning circle did shine.

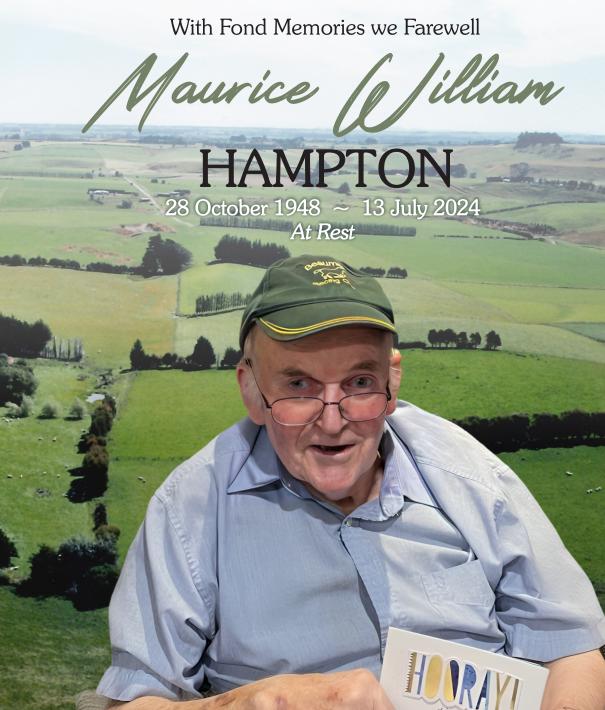
Wash off your work boots in the puddle left, by the cold southerly rain one final time.

You always believed that you would provide, and you always did somehow.

Take off your gumboots and put them away, no more sweat and worry for you now.

Your labour is done, your home now is heaven where many family and friends await.

Your legacy lives on, your love of the land and we will Close the gate







Maurice's family thank you sincerely for your love and support at this time, and for your attendance today, in person and online. At the conclusion of the service, you are warmly invited to share many more memories of Maurice with the family and each other over light refreshments in the adjacent Catering Lounge. Maurice will then depart with the family for a private interment at Tuatapere Cemetery.