

# WELL DONE

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Behind every successful man is a woman  
To hold the other end of the string  
A real life partnership of devotion and love  
Is really a beautiful thing

When both partners work for the good of the cause  
Most hurdles can be overcome  
While hard times may challenge the metal of both  
Attaining the goal can be fun

At the age of twelve young Merle Roe  
Gave his heart and pledge to the Lord  
Advancing through the grades in a one room school  
His faith in the Savior soared

Now pretty Ruth Overman was the girl that he chose  
He asked her to be his wife  
He revealed the dream that he carried so long  
How he wanted to live his life

Ruth was a teacher of young minds  
Merle wanted to touch the soul  
Together they knew they could make it  
Merle would reach his goal

They were wed in Burr Oak, Kansas  
September 12, Nineteen twenty-nine  
Ruth's brother, Walter, wed his bride Reva  
In a double wedding so fine

Aunt Lois Keys was the minister that day  
And she tied the knots real tight  
Before family and friends they took their vows  
And started their lives off right

Five years now Merle had helped his Dad  
Auctioning farms, livestock and such  
Now was the time to start for his goal  
For the life that he wanted so much

Friends Bible College in Haviland  
Was the place he wanted to go  
Life held many challenges  
But Merle was determined you know

In a tiny house they made a home  
With a garden in place of a store  
And three little children soon came along  
Nineteen thirty, third-two, thirty-four

Merle and Ruth warmed many a heart  
With their singing of old gospel songs  
Their harmony won the trust of the crowd  
And soon had them singing along

At last Merle became a Minister of God  
With poor rural churches to tend  
He gave them the best that he had to give  
And quickly became their friend

He would take as pay chickens, produce and fruit  
What ever they offered to give  
Ruth made it stretch to feed their flock  
There was little cash on which to live

Twenty-three years of Superintendent work  
To churches spread far and wide  
Sometimes alone for a long stretch of time  
And sometimes with Ruth by his side

And missionary work took up much time  
With trips to countries far away  
Rwanda, Burundi, Tangania and Ireland  
With converts to God as the pay

Sixty-three years as a Minister of God  
Untold camp meetings, revivals and sharing  
In sixteen states and four countries  
The Roes spread the Word and the caring

How many ill did he comfort  
How many couples did he wed  
How many baptisms given  
How many prayers for the dead

A Doctor of Divinity and Alumnus of the Year  
Proudly hang upon the wall  
Two tangible little Thank You's  
To a man who walked so tall

And now that they face the twilight  
Of a life that's been well spent  
They remember all the things they've done  
And wonder where the time went

They are rich with family and friends  
Their battles have been fought and won  
And when at last they are called home  
The Lord will say WELL DONE