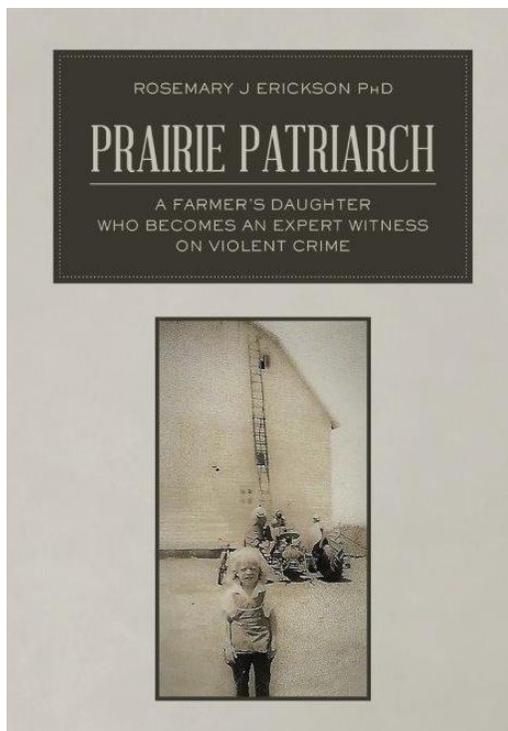


## ***Prairie Patriarch* by Rosemary J. Erickson, Ph.D.**

Forensic Sociologist, Dr. Rosemary J. Erickson, has published a book about her life growing up on the prairie. Erickson's memoir is *Prairie Patriarch: A Farmer's Daughter who becomes an Expert Witness on Violent Crime*. Her father, Dewey Erickson, was born in the early 1900s and lived to see the world change around him. He became head of a family who loved him and imparted lessons that his daughter never forgot.



**About the Book:** How do you get from a farm in South Dakota to a lecture hall full of sociology students? For Dr. Erickson, it all started with her father. Without the hard work of Dewey Erickson, she would never have had the opportunity to discover her passion. Without the life lessons Dewey taught his children, Erickson would never have had the strength to pursue it.

Erickson looks back at her father as a young man and one of twelve children in a Norwegian American family at the beginning of the 1900s. As the sixth son, Dewey was used to getting caught in the middle. He didn't even have a middle name because his parents had run out of names by then! Dewey could have resigned himself to always being overlooked, but he refused to let that be his fate. Instead, he struck out on his own and formed his own family.

In this celebration of her father's legacy, Erickson shows how Dewey carved a life for himself in the harsh prairie of South Dakota. The lessons he taught her about perseverance, determination, and integrity gave her the strength to become an outstanding leader in a male-dominated field, as a researcher and expert witness on violent crime.

**About the Author:** "You really are just a farm girl at heart, aren't you?" Rosemary J. Erickson, PhD, was raised on a farm in South Dakota. She received her bachelor's degree in psychology from Augustana University in Sioux Falls, South Dakota, and her master's degree in sociology from San Diego State University. Erickson earned her doctorate in sociology and justice at the American University in Washington, DC.

Erickson has taught at San Diego State University and the American University. She has also served as a consultant for business and government on crime prevention. In addition to *Prairie Patriarch*, Erickson has written *The Use of Social Science Data in Supreme Court Decisions*, *Armed Robbers and Their Crimes*, and *Paroled but Not Free*. She contributed a chapter to the *Handbook of Forensic Sociology and Psychology*. She is currently writing Book Two--*The Life of an Expert Witness: Testifying on Violent Crime*, due out in 2018.

For more information about Erickson's work, visit her website, [www.athenaresearch.com](http://www.athenaresearch.com). Her book is available in both hard-copy and Kindle at <https://goo.gl/6823QV>.

