

## *In Loving Memory*

*Ronald Joseph Welnel took his last earthly ride on October 15, 2010. He was an avid Harley rider who made numerous friends on his many travels. Ron touched many lives with his caring and generous attitude. He had a great sense of humor and loved joking with his family and friends. Ron was a very supportive and giving person. He enjoyed spending time with his son and grandchildren. He was dearly loved by his family and friends and will be deeply missed.*

*Ron was born in Sidney, on April 15, 1953, to parents Albert and Mary (Renville) Welnel. He attended school in Sidney. He enjoyed participating in football, track, and basketball. Ron was an integral part of the Sidney State Championship team in 1971. He attended college at Montana Tech in Butte, MT, on a football scholarship and went on to attend Walla Walla Junior College.*

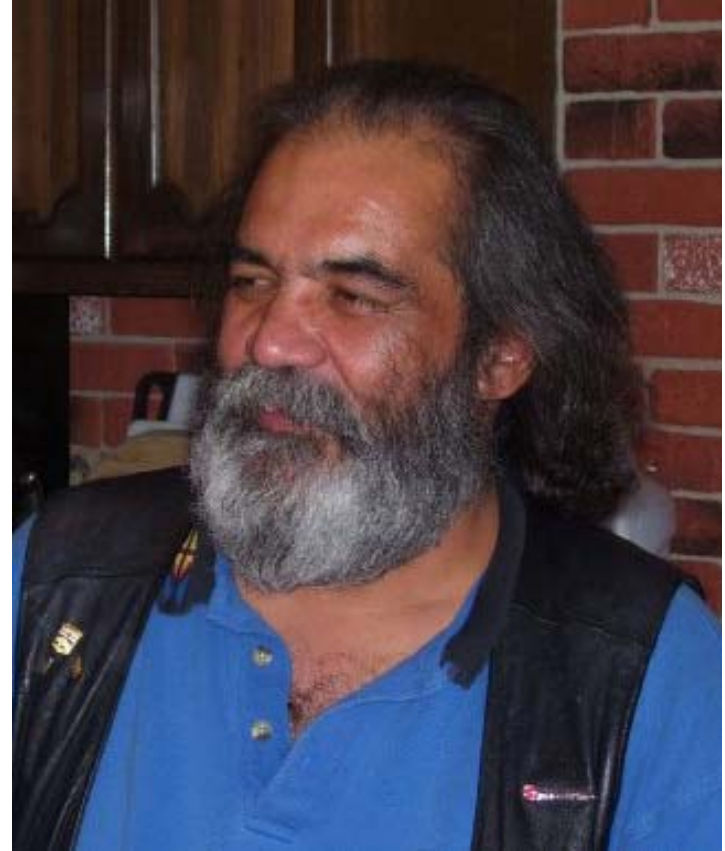
*Ron returned to Sidney and worked in the oilfield as a driller and tool pusher.*

*Ron died at his home in Fairview on Friday, October 15, 2010.*

*He is survived by: his son, Robert (Melissa) Hanson and grandchildren, Brandon, Kaley, Marissa, and Macey all of Glendive, MT; brothers, John (Barb) of Powell, WY, Harvey (Susan) of Bloomington, MN, Dennis (Renita) of Sidney, MT, Marvin (Ronda) of Sidney, MT; sisters, Sandra (Jim) Miller of Sidney, MT, Shelly (Ken) Wolberg of Dickinson, ND, and Alberta (Tim) Strobel of McClusky, ND; numerous nieces and nephews.*

*Ron was preceded in death by his parents.*

*Good times, good friends, hops and barley. Every-day's a good day when you're riding a Harley!*



*Ron Welnel*

## *My Last Ride*

*My hands are clenched around chrome bars  
the engine's rumble sounds so sweet.*

*I twist the throttle with my palm  
and roar off down the street.*

*The slapping of my leathers  
and raging winds on either side,  
drum a beat of sweet contentment  
as I ride this ..... my last ride.*

*Alone on my tin pony,  
to the heavens I've been called,  
but fret not my dear loved ones,  
I'm not lonely here at all.*

*The speedometer is just a blur  
as tears blow from my eyes,  
the bike and I roll forward  
off into the calling skies.*

*I hope I touched your lives one day,  
and left a treasured mark,  
now I'll ride on to FOREVER,  
with your memory in my heart.*

By Frank Clark

## **Ronald "Ron" Welnel**

April 15, 1953 — October 15, 2010

### **Funeral Services**

11:00 A.M., Tuesday, October 19, 2010

Water Hole #3

Fairview, Montana

### **Officiating**

Father Ned Shinnick

### **Music**

"He Ain't Heavy He Is My Brother"

### **Casketbearers**

Mark "Frito" Whitaker

Mike "Shitty" Gibbs

Gary "Badboy" Collins

Gary "Bubbs" Collins, Jr

Randy Miller

Ricky Falcon

### **Honorary Casketbearers**

All of Ron's many friends and family

### **Ushers**

Jon "Cricket" Welnel

Shawn "Trekker" Welnel

### **Interment**

By Cremation

*Lunch will be served following services*

*You may share your remembrances and condolences with  
the family at the Fulkerson Funeral Home website*

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