

Mike was born to William and Blanche (Reichert) Osterman on April 19, 1940 in Detroit Lakes, MN the oldest of 12 children. He attended Rose Lake School in Frazee, MN. He would cross the frozen Rose Lake to start the fire before school started every winter school day. As a young man he worked at various jobs including, a stable hand on a horse farm in Seattle, WA, road work, silo building, traveling with grain harvest and threshing crews across ND and MT. He moved to Kenosha, WI at age 21 to work in the American Motors car factory. After his father's death he moved to the Fairview-Sidney area the spring of 1969 to operate a saw mill. Mike married Sylvia Westlake in Sidney on November 21, 1971 at People's Congregational Church. Mike made and sold pallets from the cottonwood he sawed. He hauled all his own lumber and branched out into other trucking endeavors hauling grain and soda ash. For 27 years Mike hauled Christmas trees from western Montana for his wife Sylvia to sell. For many years he hauled cattle from Montana to Long Prairie, MN and other areas until retiring in 2007.

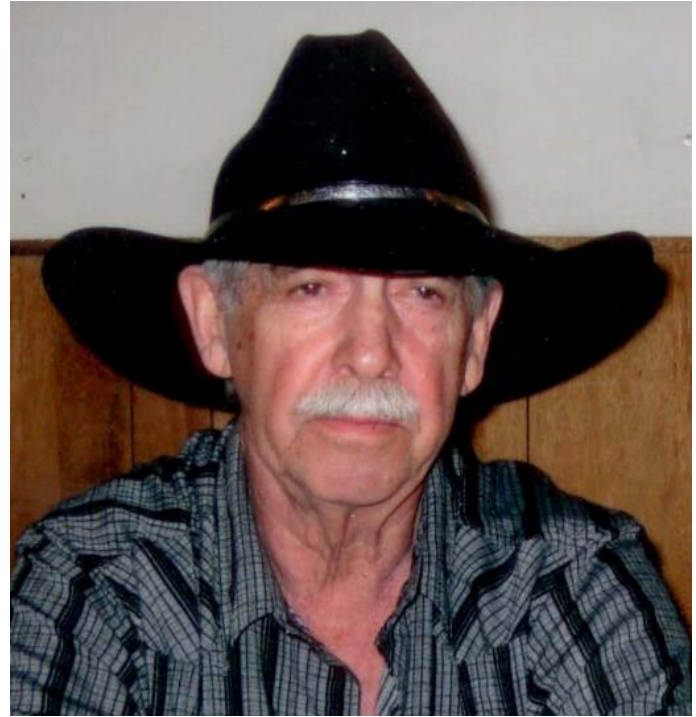
Mike's hobbies included hunting, fishing (also eating the fish that he caught), watching the rabbits in the yard that he fed daily and collecting old vehicles. Mike never went any place without his black stetson.

Mike died on Tuesday, December 7, 2010 at the Sidney Health Center Extended Care Facility.

Mike is survived by Sylvia, his wife of 39 years, Sidney, MT; his daughters from a previous marriage, Shelly (Keith) Martin, Mansfield, OH, Lori Bristow, Elyria, OH, and Rene (Jeff) Sugaski, Elyria, OH; brothers, Raymond (Helen) Osterman, Glendive, MT, Jeff Osterman, Battle Lake, MN, Brett (Becky) Osterman, Sylva, NC, Sidney "Sid" Osterman, Pequot Lake, MN; sisters, Patricia Osterman, Kent, WA, Paulette (Jack) Davis, League City, TX, Sandra (Gary) Armstead, Fort Bidwell, CA, Margaret (Dave) Dobey, Glendive, MT, and Laurie Castro, Glendive, MT; ten grandchildren and seven great grandchildren.

Mike was preceded in death by his parents, William and Blanche Osterman; an infant daughter, Sherry; a sister, Roberta Graham; a brother, Clinton; and a granddaughter, Ashley Bristow.

In Loving Memory of



Mike Osterman

He Was Just A Man

A Husband, A Father
A Fisherman, A Hunter
He Was Just A Man
One Of Those Chosen Few
He Was Just A Man
He Spoke His Mind, It Wasn't Always My Mind
He went His Way, It Wasn't Always My Way
He Was Just A Man
To Move In Our Midst for His Time
Then On To The Next Time
Yet Still With Us In Our Memories
And His Beloved Children
He Was Just A Man
We Are Stronger And Better
For Having Known Him
And We Are Deprived By His Absence
He Was Just A Man
Would That They Say As Much Of Me
When I Pass
"He Was Just A Man"

Mike M. Osterman

April 19, 1940 ~ December 7, 2010

Funeral Service

10:00 A.M., Monday, December 13, 2010

Peoples Congregational Church

Sidney, Montana

Officiating

Pastor Neil Lindorff

Music

Virginia Herrick Deniece Schwab

Casketbearers

Nephews:

Geoffrey Osterman Bill Osterman Mike Osterman
and

Bryan Dunbar Mark Olson Jim Baisch

Honorary Casketbearers

All his trucking friends

Ushers

Gary Sorensen Hugh Hutton

Interment

Sidney Cemetery

Sidney, Montana

**Lunch will be served at the church
following the graveside service**

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

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