Blaine Thomas Schaible was born March 14, 1948 in New Rockford, ND to parents John and Hazel (Williams) Schaible. Blaine married his high school sweetheart and best friend Carla Jean Neustel in Robinson, ND at the United Methodist Church on July 17, 1970. Together they raised 3 wonderful children whom they were very proud of.

Blaine was a caring husband, father, grandpa, friend and a cowboy to the end. He loved being around family, friends, playing with his grandkids, bouncing them around on his back as the best “buckin bronc” out there and felt at home working cattle with his large adopted family.

Blaine was a mechanic by trade, but a cowboy by heart. Any time a neighbor was in need it seemed like he just knew it and would show up to lend a hand. Whether it was working on a piece of equipment, working cows or just going on a ride alone to cut the twine on the bails when they were being fed.

Blaine was a true North Dakotan, a man of his word, if he said it he meant it, his passion in life was raising horses, they were an extension of who he was. He loved seeing others enjoy his four legged friends as much as he did.

Blaine went to be with the Lord on August 26, 2011 as the result of injuries sustained in a horseback riding accident on his property. Blaine will be missed, but not forgotten, it’s not the end of the trail, but the start of a new one. We wish him well and look forward to joining up with him again on that big cattle drive in the sky. The sun will rise and set as it always does and Dad will be overhead watching out for us from above. We love you and miss you, happy trails our beloved friend.

Blaine is survived by: his wife of 41 years, Carla, Watford City, ND; children, Rhonda (Nathan Trauger) Schaible, Bismarck, ND, David (Gina) Schaible, Joliet, MT, and Shana (Joe Jr.) Allen, Watford City, ND; grandchildren, Kennadi Wahus, Noah Trauger, Jace Schaible, Tyce Schaible, Brae Schaible, Raelee Allen, Tarryn Allen, and Mya Allen; brothers, Gary (Judy) Schaible, Martin Schaible, Don (Audrey) Schaible, and Ron Schaible; sister-in-law, Peggy Schaible; sisters, Connie (Mike) Petra and Debbie Schaible.

Blaine was preceded in death by his parents; his brother, Dennis Schaible; and sister Valerie Schaible.
I Know You’ll Miss This Man

The Lord spoke to the heavy hearts that stood with hats in hand, "Your sadness pains me deeply and I know you’ll miss this man But it’s true what you’ve been hearing. Heaven is a real place. That’s no small consolation. You should use that fact to face.

The emptiness his parting left that seeps into your bones And draw on it to ease your pain. For he is not alone. You see, all his friends are up here and all his loved ones, too. ‘Cause it wouldn’t be a heaven without each one of you.

And heaven for a cowboy is just what you might expect. It’s horses that need tunin’ up and heifers that need checked. It’s long rides with a purpose and a code that lights the way And a satisfying reason to get up everyday.

It’s the ranch he’s always dreamed of and never knew he’d find And if you think about it, you can see it in your mind. Him, leanin’ in the saddle with his ol’ hat on his head. Contention set upon his face like blankets on a bed.

The leather creaks a little as he shifts there in the seat. The bit chains give a jingle when his pony switches feet. And you somehow get the feelin’ that he’s sittin’ on a throne A’gazin’ out on paradise just like it was his own.

I can promise you he’s happy, though I know you can’t pretend You’re glad he made the journey. It’s too hard to comprehend. The earthly way you look at things can never satisfy Your lack of understanding for the answer to the “Why?”

So I offer this small comfort to put your grief to rest I only take the top hands ‘cause my crew’s the very best. And I know it might seem selfish to friends and next of kin But I needed one more cowboy and Blaine fit right in.”

Blaine Thomas Schaible

DATE AND PLACE OF BIRTH
March 14, 1948
New Rockford, North Dakota

DATE AND PLACE OF DEATH
August 26, 2011
Watford City, North Dakota

FUNERAL SERVICE
2:00 P.M. Thursday, September 1, 2011
Wesleyan Church
Watford City, North Dakota

CLERGY
Pastor Jeff Ruggles

MUSICIANS
Tim Transtrom

USHERS
Pete Best Lee Murphy

CASKETBEARERS
Kurt Hovet Curtis Sorenson Jarvis Sorenson
Perry Ecker Gary Guthmiller Larry Neustel
Gordon Guthmiller Steve Grantier Walt VanDyke

HONORARY BEARERS
All Blaine’s Many Friends

INTERMENT
Schaible Family Cemetery
Rural Watford City, North Dakota

ARRANGEMENTS
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