



Kurt T. Hovet, lifelong resident of McKenzie County, died of natural causes on March 31, 2013. The second of ten children, Kurt was born to Walter and Olga (Marsten) Hovet on February 25, 1944 in Williston, ND. He was raised in the Spring Creek community south of Watford City. He was educated in the rural Hovet School, Watford City High School graduating with the class of 1962, and Wahpeton State School of Science where he earned an Associate degree in Civil Engineering in 1964. He surveyed in the desert southwest and Montana between graduation and the time when he was drafted in to the United States Army.

Kurt served his country domestically and abroad while in the Army from 1965 to 1967 as a surveyor working on projects such as the United States Pentagon building and military landing strips in the jungle of Thailand to move resources into Vietnam. After his honorable discharge, he returned home and in 1968 purchased his southeast McKenzie County ranch. After losing his arm in a PTO accident later that same year he continued on with his passions of ranching, training horses, hunting and team roping. On March 26, 1972 he married his wife of 41 years, Rita (Levang) Hovet at First Lutheran Church in Watford City.

As a sportsman, cowboy and rancher Kurt lived his life by the rules governing the circle of life. He passed his love of nature, skills of animal husbandry and sportsmanship, and appreciation for the beauty of God's creation on to his two daughters, sons-in-law and all others who knew him on a close personal level. Kurt was an avid hunter, excellent sportsman and sharp shot with a rifle, shotgun, muzzleloader and bow. He was a frontiersman at heart that always cherished his heritage and counted his blessings not in material fortunes, but in his relationships with his family and friends, both two legged and four legged. Kurt loved jamming with his large musical family and was an amazing poet and photographer, his subject matters being cowboys and their tales and farming and ranching families and their communities.

Kurt was a lifelong member of Spring Creek Lutheran Church until its recent closure and served on a number of community boards and organizations.

Kurt is survived by his mother, Olga (Marsten) Hovet of Watford City; his wife, Rita (Levang) Hovet of Watford City; two daughters, Vawnita (Pete) Best of Watford City and Kimberly (Lee) Murphy of Williston; three grandchildren, Jaden Kurtis Murphy, Kyle George Best and Morgan Rita Murphy; eight brothers and sisters, Sonia (Einar) Prestangen of Watford City, Beverly (Duane) Ashley of Williston, Cynthia Rust of Williston, Myron (Marcia) Hovet of Watford City, Rebecca (Andrew) Newman of Drumheller, Alberta, Canada, Randy (Vicki) Hovet of Charlo MT, Steve (Paula) Hovet of Evans GA, and Tim Hovet of Bismarck; many nieces and nephews, aunts and cousins.

Kurt is preceded in death by his grandparents; father, Walter Hovet; brother, Michael Hovet; aunts, uncles, cousins and several good saddle horses.

In Loving Memory Of *Kurt T. Hovet*





Of Horses And Men

*Some are blessed with tranquil passing while others met a tragic end
Truth is, it's never easy when you've lost a trusted friend*

*As horses go, it's sometimes told in simple words that cowboys use
He darn sure was a good one, He's the kind you hate to lose*

*He's the kind you'd ride the river with, roam the canyons and the breaks
In rough country and wild cattle he'd be the one you'd take*

*His efforts weren't ruled by stature with him you'd finish what you'd start
His limits were governed only by the dimension of his heart*

*His expectations were simple merely fairness from a friend
But when he'd feel the need to run don't try to fence him in*

*Pure poetry in motion, as across the plains he'd fly
A tried and true compadre, in a seasoned cowboy's eye*

*His courage was unmatched by mortal men from conquistadors to kings
Cowboys sing his praises at roundups in the spring*

*Ain't it strange how thoughts of horses lost mirror those of men passed on
And though they've gone to glory their spirit's never gone*

*Sometimes simple words seem best when final words we choose
He darn sure was a good one he's the kind you hate to lose*

*~ Jay Snider
Cowboy Poet*

In Loving Memory Kurt T. Hovet

Date And Place Of Birth
February 25, 1944
Williston, North Dakota

Date And Place of Death
March 31, 2013
Watford City, North Dakota

Funeral Service

11:00 AM, Friday, April 5, 2013
First Lutheran Church
Watford City, North Dakota

Officiating

Pastor Barb Becker
Pastor Rob Favorite

Ushers

Dennis Anderson
Vaughn Anderson
Dustin Anderson

Musicians

Caroline Schwartz ~ Accompanist
The Transtrom Family ~ Vocalists

Casketbearers

David Schaible Brad Hagen Craig Maley
Perry Ecker Al Berg Randy Hanson
Darrin Prestangen Gerald Transtrom

Honorary Bearers

McKenzie County Grazing Association
McKenzie County Archery Club
Badlands Gun Club

Military Honors

Carl E. Rogen American Legion Post #29
North Dakota Veteran's Honor Guard

Interment

Spring Creek Cemetery
Rural Watford City, North Dakota



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