



COWBOY LIFE

I'VE MET A HEAP O' COWBOYS,
AND SOME WAS REAL TOP HANDS.

I SAW A MILLION CATTLE,
AND READ A LOT O' BRANDS.

I'VE SEEN SOME HARD OLD WINTERS,
WHEN NEARLY ALL THE CATTLE DIED.

I'VE RODE SOME CUTTING HORSES THAT COULD
TURN RIGHT OUT THEIR HIDES.

I ATE MY SHARE O' BEEFSTEAK,
AND DRUNK SOME WHISKEY, TOO.

AND DID A LITTLE DANCIN',
WITH NOTHIN' ELSE TO DO.

BEEN BUCKED OFF OLD OUTLAWS THAT I
COULDN'T START TO RIDE.

AN' SAW SOME FINE OLD BUDDIES
GO OVER THE GREAT DIVIDE.

WITH FRIENDS AND FAMILY NOW
I'M MAKING MY LAST STAND.

AN' HOPING TO BE HORSEBACK
WHEN I REACH THE PROMISED LAND.

AUTHOR UNKNOWN

In Loving Memory

BEN A. JOHNSTON

BORN TO ROBERT AND MARLAI JOHNSTON
NOVEMBER 23, 1998 ~ WILLISTON, NORTH DAKOTA

CALLED HOME TO HIS HEAVENLY FATHER
MAY 7, 2017 ~ WATFORD CITY, NORTH DAKOTA

FUNERAL SERVICE

11 AM, MONDAY, MAY 15, 2017
ROUGH RIDERS EVENT CENTER
WATFORD CITY, NORTH DAKOTA

CO-OFFICIATING

PASTOR ROB FAVORITE
PASTOR MARK HONSTEIN

MUSIC

DONNIE LEISETH ~ VOCALIST
PATTI HOVDE ~ ACCOMPANIST

PALLBEARERS

COLTEN JOHNSTON	BRETT FITZGERALD
BRIAN FITZGERALD	COLTON FITZGERALD
KEAGAN FITZGERALD	STETSON LAWRENCE
CLINTON LAWRENCE	LAYNE GABBERT
SHAYNE SAYLOR	RYAN MCKINZIE

HONORARY PALLBEARERS

WATFORD CITY FFA
WATFORD CITY HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS & JUNIORS

USHERS

COPPER BERQUIST KILIAN FETTING

FINAL RESTING PLACE

GARDEN CEMETERY ~ WATFORD CITY, ND

Fulkerson Stevenson Funeral Home - Watford City, ND
has been entrusted with arrangements.



In Loving Memory Of

BEN ANDREW JOHNSTON

November 23, 1998 - May 7, 2017



Ben Andrew Johnston was born November, 23 1998 in Williston, North Dakota to very loving parents Robert and Marlai (Fitzgerald) Johnston. Ben walked in the hands of the Lord, his Savior, and Jesus Christ, on May 7, 2017, at the young age of 18. Loved by many, including his mom, dad, aunts, uncles, great aunts, great uncles, grandparents, cousins, classmates, teachers, and his friends.

Ben was named after his great uncle Ben Johnston and great grandfather Andrew Johnston. Living up to both his great uncle's name's, being known as a hardworking young man, respectable, caring, and above all treating others the way he wanted to be treated. Being the only child and having no siblings he grew up on his parent's ranch, taking care of his home that he loved.

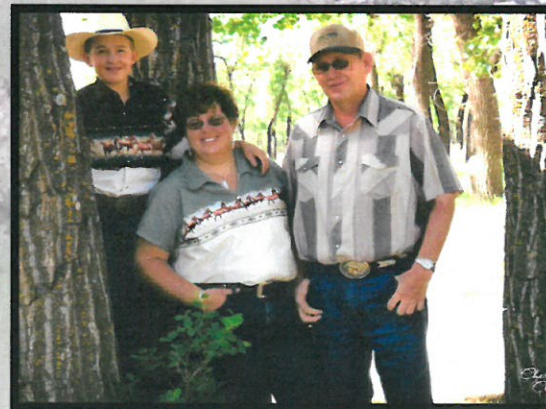
He currently attended Watford City High School, where he developed many loving friends and great relations among the staff and teachers of the high school. They said he always walked in the halls with a big smile on his face and a positive attitude. His girlfriend, Ashley Barnett, had a special table that they always ate at for lunch at the school cafeteria. Ben was involved in activities such as welding, mechanics, 4-H and FFA. Ben recently earned the FFA Chapter Degree and was proud to be a member of this organization.

In his short life he made impression on all those who met him. On his bus rides to school, he made many lasting friendships. Ben was always a good listener to both his parents and friends. He was always handy, being able to fix anything and working with the animals around the ranch.

He loved driving his truck around the fields, on the road, and sometimes even in circles. His horse, Chester and dog, Cowboy will remain missing Ben's presence. Ben had big hopes and dreams for his future, but now will forever remain a "Good ol' boy".

Proceeding in death are: Morris & Leah (Milkey) Fitzgerald (Great Granparents), Ted & Annie (Helmers) Hansen (Great Grandparents), Elaine (Hansen) Keith (great aunt), Kenny & Tody (Hansen) Johnson (Great uncle & aunt), Eunice (Hansen) Hembree (Great Aunt), Merlyn Ellingson (Great Foster Uncle), Carroll & Delores (Rehberg) Johnston (paternal grandparents), Ben Johnston (Great-Great Uncle), Albert and Olga (Gegelman) Rehberg (Great Grandparents), Andrew & Leva (Thompson) Johnston (Great Grandparents).

Those who survive Ben are: Robert and Marlai (Fitzgerald), parents, Dave & Judy (Hansen) Fitzgerald (maternal grandparents), Aunts & Uncles: Brad & Dawn (Richards) Fitzgerald, Nathan & Kathy (Pies) Fitzgerald, Pat & Jennifer (Johnson) Fitzgerald, Lanny & Linda (Johnston) Gabbert, Derek & Jodi (Johnston) McKinzie. His cousins: Hailey, Brett, Hannah, Brian, Keagan, Colten Fitzgerald, Layne(Alexis) Gabbert, Lorin Gabbert, Emma & Ryan McKinzie. Foster brothers: Sheldon Locke and Josh Wood and numerous second cousins on both sides of the family.



The LORD is my *Shepherd;*
I shall not want.
He maketh me to
lie down in green pastures:
He leadeth me beside the still waters,
He restoreth my
soul.
He leadeth me in the paths of righteousness
for His name's sake. Yea though I walk through the
valley of the shadow of death.
I will fear no evil:
for Thou art with me;
Thy rod and Thy staff they comfort me.
Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies
Thou anointest my head with oil; My cup runneth over
Surely goodness & mercy shall follow me
all the days of my life;
And I will dwell in the house
of the LORD *forever.*
- Psalm 23

