



Cowboy's Prayer

In Loving Memory
CELEBRATING A LIFE
O Lord, I've never lived where churches grow;
I've loved creation better as it stood -
That day you finished it so long ago,
And looked upon your work and called it good.

Just let me live my life as I've begun!
And give me work that's open to the sky;
Make me a partner of the wind and sun,
And I won't ask a life that's soft and high.

Make me as big and open as the plains;
As honest as the horse between my knees;
Clean as the wind that blows behind the rains;
Free as the hawk that circles down the breeze.

Just keep an eye on all that's done and said;
Just right me sometimes when I turn aside;
And guide me on the long, dim trail ahead
That stretches upward toward the Great Divide.

Author Unknown
Condensed Version



In Memory Of

John Beeler
March 28, 1943 - April 18, 2018





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Services

2:00 P.M., Saturday, April 21, 2018

Ebenezer Congregational Church

Sidney, Montana

Officiating

Pastor David Meehan

Honorary Casketbearers

Josh Schriver Trevon Schriver Jeremy Engebretson

Dillon Beeler Scotty Beeler Jeff Kordonowy

Ushers

Bo Lingle Jamie Lingle Austin Egbert

Music

"The Cowboy Rides Away"

"I Cross My Heart"

"Wings of a Dove"

Arrangements By

Fulkerson-Stevenson Funeral Home



On April 18, 2018, after a hard fought battle with cancer, another cowboy rode away to live on the big ranch in the sky.

Wallace Ray "John" Beeler was born March 28, 1943 on the family farm north of Wibaux, MT to George and Helen (Accart) Beeler. He was the youngest of thirteen children. John was baptized at St. Peters Catholic Church in Wibaux. Early on John attended a country school near Wibaux. He was only able to attend formal school through the fourth grade as he was needed to help tend to the family farm. In John's early teens he would travel with his sister Louise to pick fruit in Washington to help support the family. At sixteen John began a 39 year career working in the oil field. In June of 1962 John married Erma Wassmann and made his home in Glendive, MT. That union brought five children, Lora, Linda, Lisa, Johnny Ray and Cliff. Years later John had relocated to Dickinson, ND for oil field work and met the love of his life, Patricia "Patty" Goetz. John and Patty were married on March 28, 1984 which happened to also be John and Patty's birthdays. John and Patty later moved to Sidney, MT where John worked for Welltech Oilfield Services until its closure. John then went to work for Holly Sugar for five campaigns. In 2002 John had to have open heart surgery that forced him to retire. He spent his retirement years working on the ranch located along the old lost highway.

John had a tremendous love for raising and breaking horses. He was a registered quarter horse breeder and a member of the AQHA for over 15 years. He had no problem spending countless hours talking about horses with anyone that wanted to listen.

Besides horses John had many other passions in his life. John enjoyed hunting, fishing, dancing, old western movies, playing cards, restoring old furniture and raising his peacocks. John had a very creative mind and came up with countless unique inventions. He would create anything from a fishing lure to a tool used in the oil field. John had an amazing sense of humor and very rarely would you see him without a smile on his face. He was considered by many as a teller of stories and a fixer of stuff. He always had a story or joke to tell and could find a solution to fix anything that was broken, whether it worked or not.

John was one of the hardest working men around and he played hard too. John lived his life to the fullest and would never back down from a fight and he fought till his last breath. John was rough around the edges at times and may not have always shown it, but he loved everyone in his family with all his heart. John kept a special place in his heart for his grandchildren and great grandchildren.

John was preceded in death by his parents, George and Helen Beeler, Siblings, Louise (John) Smith, Jeanne (Charles) Fulton, Roy Beeler, Rod Beeler, Pete (Arla) Beeler, Lloyd (Florence) Beeler, Daughter in law, Beth Beeler, Father in law, Joseph Goetz, Grandsons, Michael Glass and Keden Sportsman, Brother in law Harry Wandler and lifelong friend Johnny Lingle.

John was survived by his wife Patricia "Patty" Beeler, children Lora (Mike) Smith, Linda (Kent) Hensman, Lisa (Steve) Engebretson, Johnny Ray Beeler, Cliff (Melonie) Beeler, sister in law, Jeanette Wandler, special friend, Jim Paben, 10 grandchildren, 15 great grand children and numerous nieces and nephews.