



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.

In Loving Memory Of Jack Skarda

Born to Jessie (Falls) and Lewis Skarda
November 30, 1929 ~ Charlson, North Dakota

Rode Through Heaven's Gates
March 11, 2024 ~ Watford City, North Dakota

Funeral Services
Saturday, March 16, 2024 at 11:00 am
Clear Creek Lutheran Church
Keene, North Dakota
Luncheon to Follow

Officiating
Pastor Peder Stenslie
Rob Favorite

Casketbearers
Andrew Johnson Ty Skarda
Brett Skarda Reed Skarda
Craig Kieson Bryant Kieson
Steve Willis Kellen Longie

Ushers
Clark Bohmbach Bud Bohmbach

Final Resting Place
Clear Creek Cemetery
Keene, North Dakota

Arrangements By
Fulkerson Stevenson Funeral Home
Watford City, North Dakota

I N L O V I N G
Memory



JACK SKARDA

NOVEMBER 30, 1929 - MARCH 11, 2024



Jack Skarda, age 94, passed away on March 11, 2024. He was born on November 30, 1929, on the family farm north of Charlson. He was the third child of Lewis and Jessie (Falls) Skarda. Jessie homesteaded in the Bowman area before she married Lewis. They moved from the river bottom when he was in 7th grade. He graduated from Old Sanish High School in 1948. While in High School, he enjoyed playing on their basketball team.

Jack went into the Army in January 1952 and went to basic training in Augusta Georgia. He then went to Germany after the end of World War II and was in the 43rd Infantry Division Signal Corps. He got out of the army in December 1953 and went back to farming on the home place.

He met the love of his life, Joanne Blegen in 1954 and they were married in 1955. They had 4 children: Charlotte, Gary, Wayne, and Randy. He roughnecked for a while in 1956 and worked for Lawrence Transportation as a crane operator and

truck driver. He bought the Keene store in 1959 and worked there while also farming and driving school bus (2-3 years). He sold it in 1973. He bought the current farm in pieces starting in 1958 with the purchase of a house and some land from Carl Gryte.

In his younger years he loved to participate in Bareback, Saddle Bronc and Calf Roping in the rodeo when he was not farming. He always enjoyed going hunting and especially loved horses. He loved being a rancher.

Jack is survived by his children; Charlotte Willis (Greg), Gary Skarda (Kathy), Wayne Skarda (Kim) and Randy Skarda (Tana). He is also survived by numerous grandchildren and several great-grandchildren.

Jack was preceded in death by his wife Joanne, his parents Lewis and Jessie (Falls) Skarda, his sister Marge Kieson, brothers Robert and William and infant granddaughters Melinda and Shawna Willis.

