"Smokey Forever"

Theodore "Smokey" John Barten, Jr., 77, passed away at his residence on September 20, 2016. Smokey was born on July 24, 1939, in Hayward, WI, to Theodore J. Barten, Sr. and Mary (DeView) Barten. He was one of 14 children and grew up working on his family's dairy farm. He married Donna Coykendall on October 17, 1959, in Pine City, MN. Smokey was an engine technician in the Gas Industry for many years while living in Iowa.

Smokey's interests included horses, archery, hunting and fishing. He belonged to the Pony Express Riders of Iowa and the AQHA. Smokey did not know a stranger and loved visiting with people, telling stories and practical jokes. He also spent a lot of time in his shop "putzing" as he called it, creating things out of horseshoes, antlers and wood.

Smokey was preceded in death by his parents, two brothers (Ole and Raymond), three sisters (Gerry, Charlene, and Ida), and one granddaughter (Camryn) He is survived by his wife, Donna of Sheridan, sons Greg (Kris) of Winter, MN, Scott of Sheridan, daughters Chris Evans (Kevin) of Lake Havasu, AZ, and Julie Davidson of Parkston, SD, 8 grandchildren, 8 great grandchildren.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made out to Donna Barten and sent to US Bank, 203 S Main, Sheridan, WY 82801. The funds will be donated to the local archery club.





Our Heavenly Father, we pause at this time, mindful of the many blessings you have bestowed upon us. We ask, Lord, that you will be with us in the arena of life. We as cowboys do not ask for special favors. We don't ask to draw around the chute fighting horse, the steer that won't lay, or to never break the barrier.

We don't even ask for all daylight runs.

We do ask Lord, that you will help us live our lives here on earth as cowboys, in such a manner, that when we make that last inevitable ride, to the country up there, where the grass grows lush, green, and stirrup high, and the water runs cool, clear, and deep, that you'll take us by the hand and say -

"Welcome to Heaven cowboy, your entry fees are paid."

In Loving Memory of

Theodore John Barten, Jr.

CELEBRATION OF LIFE

Saturday, September 24, 2016, at 1:00 pm Cornerstone Church

OFFICIATING

Pastor Tony Forman

MUSIC

The Old Rugged Cross, Amazing Grace

MUSIC BY

DeAnn Forman

HONORARY PALLBEARERS

All Of Ted's Loving Brothers: Peter, Tom, Ed, Ray, Chuck & Ole

