

The Ride

*The cowboy rode a moonbeam,
To a distant star last night;
His chaps and Spurs were quiet,
As he galloped to the light.*

*Round-up time was over;
He knew that time would come;
When cowboys ride that last
Big ride,
Beyond the shining sun.*

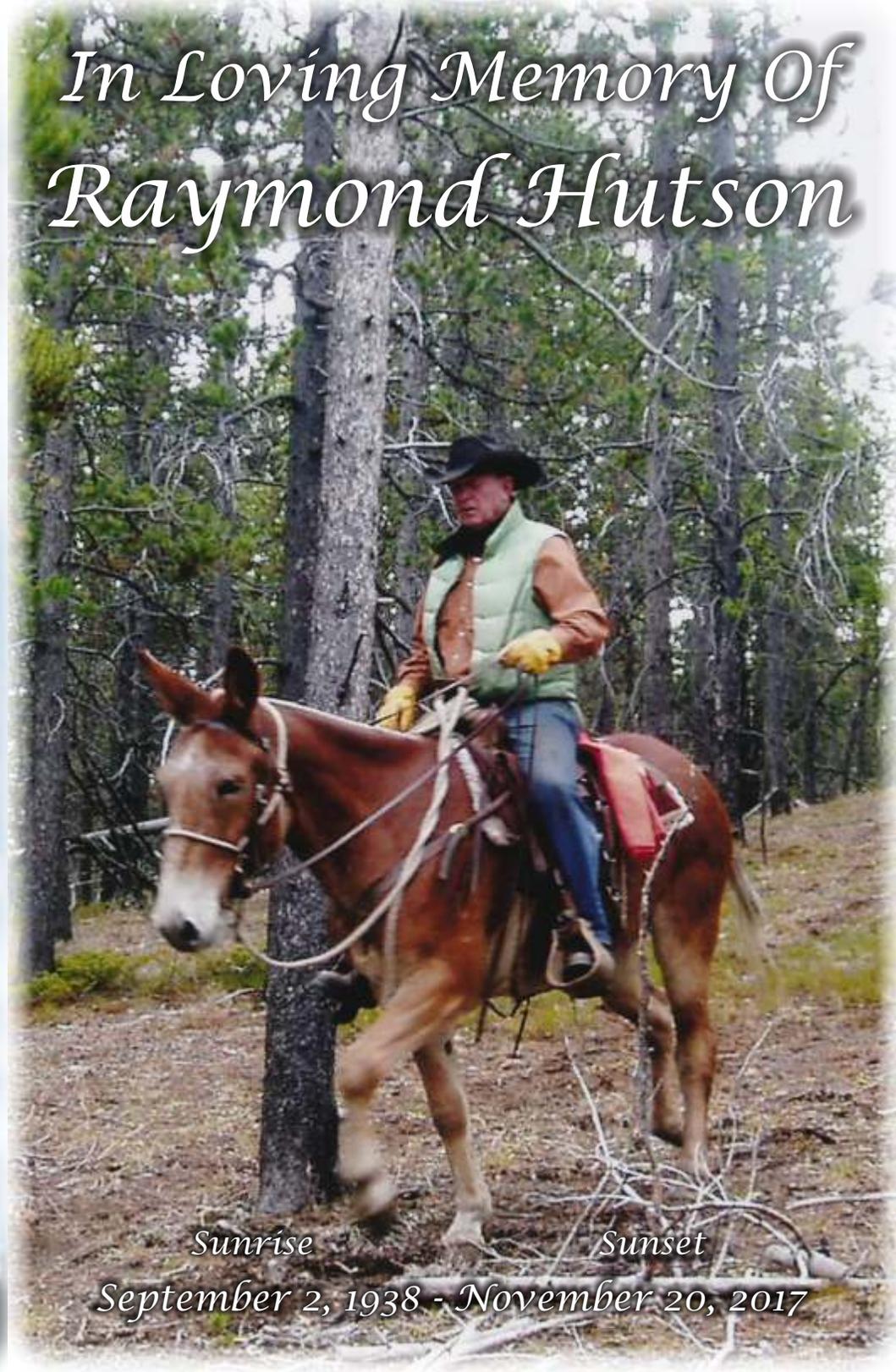
*He kissed his wife and children,
In his heart he said good-bye;
Some say his life is over,
They know he is nearby.*

*His friends that went before him;
Are there to lead the way;
They tell him how they've missed him,
Rejoicing on this day.*

*Don't cry for this old cowboy,
He passed the final test;
The Big boss called him home tonight,
To his final rest.*



In Loving Memory Of Raymond Hutson



Sunrise

Sunset

September 2, 1938 - November 20, 2017

Raymond D. Hutson was born September 2, 1938 near Arnett, Oklahoma to a cowboy family, Francis LaVaughn Beardsley Hutson and Thomas Lawrence Hutson.

He rode a horse to school in the first grade and horses and mules were a part of him for the rest of his life. He broke horses, trained horses and mules, and chariot raced.

He especially enjoyed breaking work teams and was always ready to share his wisdom and experiences with others.

In 1958 he worked as a wrangler at Roosevelt Lodge in Yellowstone National Park.

This is where he met the love of his life Bea (Beatrice) J. Babione. They were married on September 11, 1958 and lived around Bozeman, Montana where they started their family, Donna Rae and Rusty Levi. He continued to cowboy on ranches. His interests expanded to chariot racing and wagon trains. He opened Hutson's Saddlery on Main Street in Bozeman.

His chariot racing included Cutters and Roman style. He raced all over Montana and Wyoming including West Yellowstone and Cheyenne Frontier Days. He liked the challenge of racing three & four teams at a time, a start from a gunshot and no starting gates.

Raymond raced for over 20 years before turning the lines over to his son and daughter. He then became the hot walker and trainer. For many years he was Jack Greer's choice to hold his relay horses. Jack knew he would get him off to a good start to win many races.

In 1967 Bea & Raymond moved to Sheridan, WY where the family continued ranching and reopened Hutson's Saddlery. In 2004 Rusty built him a new saddle shop/museum where he built several new saddles, chaps, all kinds of tack and did leather repair work.

After his first trip to Walker Prairie in 1968 he fell in love with the area and made it a yearly trip for him and the family during hunting season. They went to enjoy the mountains as a family vacation. Hunting was secondary. Their camp on the Prairie was a favorite to many people.

Raymond made several trips throughout the year. He enjoyed packing his mules and horses to take family and friends to the Prairie.

Many compliments were heard about his pack string on how nice they looked. The place has become "Walker Prairie Heaven" to him and his family. Raymond took pride in everything he did. He always had a good dog by his side and many stories to share.

Raymond took part in The Custer Reenactment and the movie Far & Away with his teams and wagons. He has rebuilt many wagons and has quite a collection of them and horse drawn equipment. He always said he was born 50 years to late. He would have made a great pioneer. He was Wagon Master for many wagon trains and enjoyed letting other people share this wonderful experience. In 1990 as Wagon Master for the Cowboy State Centennial Wagon Train he led over 500 people and 87 wagons on the route. He had good help from his assistant Wagon Master, Dr. Roy Olson. Many wagon trains he led into the Hole-In-The Wall and Custer Nat. Forest near Birney, Montana. People enjoyed them so much they would return every year that he had one. He was so excited to have been able to take his grandson, Josh and great grandson, Landon on the wagon trains.

Raymond and Bea worked together side by side for 59 years on everything they did whether doing chores on the ranch or frying hamburgers for Aunt Bea's Chuckwagon. They included their children Donna and Rusty, grandsons Josh and Landon as well as several foster children, Johnny Freeze, Tom Verwolf, Virgil Babione, Brad Legerski and Rickey Geisler as well as mentoring many others. They broke many draft horses in the 70's & 80's and sold teams. They also took part in many parades, shows, weddings and funerals with the teams.

He was a charter member of the Cayuse Cutter Club in Bozeman, MT, the Wyotana Chariot Club in Sheridan, WY and the Northeast WY Draft horse and Mule Assoc. Where he served as president for many years as well as president of Sheridan Horse Patrol. Raymond was a life member of the Sheridan Elks Club and a member of the Banner Community Club.

In 2014 Raymond was honored to be one of the first inductees into the Wyo Cowboy Hall of Fame.

Raymond was preceded in death by both parents, brother Clayton Hutson, sister Billie Lee Beagle, brother-in-laws Ace Johnson and Joe Beagle, Bill, Cecil and Richard Babione, nephews Eric and Marty Beagle and foster son Tom Verwolf. He is survived by his wife, Bea, daughter Donna Rae Hutson, son Rusty Levi Hutson, grandson Joshua Levi Hutson, great grandson Landon Levi Hutson, all of Sheridan. His sister Jane (Gary) Molloy Gage, OK, brothers Malcome (Dorie) Hutson of Wenatchee, WA and Thomas (Stephanie) Hutson of Woodward, OK. Sister in-laws Joyce Johnson of Billings, MT and Danna Babione of Sheridan and numerous nieces and nephews.

In Loving Memory of

Raymond Donald Hutson

CELEBRATION OF LIFE

Thursday, December 14, 2017 at 2:00 p.m.
Sheridan County Fairgrounds

OFFICIATING

Cowboy Minister Steve Russell

MUSIC

Oklahoma Hills, Mansion On The Hill Top
Amazing Grace

MUSIC BY

Ed & Christa Grywusiewicz
Bill Sustrich & Christina Tift

HONORARY PALLBEARERS

All Of His Family & Friends Too
Numerous To Mention.



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