

Gone But Not

Robert L. Kaufmann, 89, passed away April 15, 2021 at Sheridan Memorial Hospital. Robert, better known as Bob, was born September 3, 1931, in Sheridan, Wyoming to Alex and Ann (Kerbel) Kaufmann. At five years of age, the family moved from the big stone house, now known as the Ranch at Ucross to what was known as the Kaufmann Ranch. He attended Kearney Grade School and graduated from Sheridan High in 1949 and the University of Wyoming in 1954, with a B.A. While attending the University of Wyoming he was on the Rodeo Team and received many Bronc Riding trophies, buckles and saddles.

He married Patsy Ostrom in 1953 and they ranched 32 years on Piney Creek. Two daughters, Jeanne Ann Camino and Carol Kaufmann, were born of that marriage. They later divorced.

Bob was a life-long member of the Sheridan Elks Lodge. He was a member of the Johnson County Fair Board and a Judge at the Johnson County 4-H Fair and High School Rodeos for several years. Bob was President of the Farmers Co-Op during the mid-80's, served on the School Board of the Kearney School and was a member of the Beet Growers Association of Johnson and Sheridan Counties. Bob, along with all the Champions, was honored at the 75th Anniversary of the Sheridan WYO Rodeo, July 14, 2005, as the Champion Bareback Rider in 1953.

Bob was an excellent rancher and an all-around "handy man". There was nothing he couldn't fix. He always enjoyed taking his girls to the horse shows and Coralee to participate with the Equestrian Annettes in their many parades. Carol was the Sheridan WYO Rodeo Queen in 1978. Jeanne was Champion Barrel Racer, at the age of 15, and was also honored at the Sheridan WYO Rodeo in 2005.

Bob truly enjoyed time with his grandchildren when they were young, feeding cattle, Easter Egg hunts and driving snow machines. Bob sold the ranch in 2000 and moved to his present home in Sheridan where he was residing at the time of his death.

Bob was preceded in death by his father, mother, Brother Dick and wife Pat. Survivors include his two daughters, his companion and caregiver during the past 37 years, Coralee Davis, Grandson Kelly Camino (Britni and great grandsons Corbin and Hudson); Joe Camino, Luke Camino (Josyln, great grandsons Braxtyn and Sterling, and great granddaughter Riley); Heidi Borgialli (Paul, great grandsons Anthony, Norris Graves and great granddaughter Patsy Graves); Grandson Robert Weber, great grandson Alex and great granddaughter Ashlee, as well as nephews Tom and James Kaufmann and several cousins.

Ever Forgotten...

In Loving Memory Of Bob Kaufmann



September 3, 1931 - April 15, 2021

BOB'S OWN POEM

I've met a heap of cowboys.
And some were real top hands.

I've seen a million cattle
And read a lot of brands.

I've seen some hard old winters,
When nearly all the cattle died.

I've rode some bareback horses
That could turn right out their hide.

I ate my share of beef steak
And drank some whiskey, too.

And did a little dancin' when
There was nothing 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.

I'm hoping to be a horseback-
When I reach the Promised Land.



In Loving Memory Of *Robert Lee Kaufmann*

CELEBRATION OF LIFE

Saturday, May 8, 2021 at 11:30 am
Kane Funeral Home
Reception Hall

OFFICIATING ~ Deacon Juanita Smith

READING ~ Irv Bard

MEMORIES ~ Bob Rolston

MUSIC

Cowboy Church
Waltz Across Texas
Amazing Grace